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Canada Mourns

2 Dead In Brutal Attack at Canada's Parliament

A man places flowers at a memorial outside the gates of the John Weir Foote Armory, the home of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada in Hamilton, Ontario, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, in memory of Canadian soldier Nathan Cirillo. Witnesses say Cirillo, posted at the National War Memorial near Parliament Hill in Ottawa, was gunned down at point-blank range Wednesday morning by 32-year-old ex-convict Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, who was carrying a rifle and dressed all in black, his face half-covered during the attack.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Aaron Lynett)

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Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — A gunman with a scarf over his face killed a sol-

dier standing guard at Canada's war memorial Wednesday, then stormed Parliament in an attack that rocked the building with the boom of gunfire

and forced lawmakers to barricade themselves in meeting rooms. The gunman was shot to death by the ceremonial sergeant-at-arms.

Investigators offered little information about the gunman, identified as 32-year-old ex-convict Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, but Prime Minister Stephen Harper called

the rampage the second deadly terrorist attack on Canadian soil in three days.

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Man Apprehended After Jumping White House Fence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service has apprehended a man who jumped over the White House fence. This latest incident comes about a month after a previous White House fence jumper sprinted

across the lawn, past armed uniformed agents and entered the mansion. The fallout from that September incident and other Secret Service breaches in security for the president led Julia Pierson to step

down as director of the agency. Video of the incident Wednesday night taken by TV news cameras shows a man in white shorts just inside the White House fence on Pennsylvania Avenue.

The video shows the man lifting his shirt as if to show agents that he has no weapons. The man is then seen kicking and punching two Secret Service dogs that were released on him. □

2 Dead in brutal attack at Canada's Parliament

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"This week's events are a grim reminder that Canada is not immune to the types of terrorist attacks we have seen elsewhere," Harper said.

He added: "We will not be intimidated. Canada will never be intimidated."

Canada was already on alert at the time of the shooting rampage because of a deadly hit-and-run assault Monday against two Canadian soldiers by a man Harper described as an "ISIL-inspired terrorist." ISIL is also known as Islamic State.

Witnesses said the soldier posted at the National War Memorial, identified as Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, was gunned down at point-blank range just before 10 a.m. by a man carrying a rifle and dressed all in black, his face half-covered.

The gunman appeared to raise his arms in triumph, then entered Parliament, a few hundred yards away, where dozens of shots soon rang out, according to witnesses. People fled the complex by scrambling down scaffolding erected for renovations, while others took cover inside and barricaded doors with chairs as police with rifles and body armor took up positions outside and cordoned off the normally bustling streets around Parliament. On Twitter, Canada's justice minister and other government officials credited 58-year-old sergeant-at-arms Kevin Vickers with shooting the attacker just outside the MPs' caucus rooms.

Vickers serves a largely ceremonial role at the House of Commons, carrying a scepter and wearing rich green robes, white gloves and a tall imperial hat.

At least three people were treated for minor injuries.

In Washington, President Barack Obama condemned the shootings as "outrageous" and said: "We have to remain vigilant." The U.S. Embassy in Ottawa was locked down as a precaution, and security was tightened at the Tomb of the Unknown



A Royal Canadian Mounted Police intervention team responds to a shooting at the Parliament building in Ottawa, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014. A soldier standing guard at the National War Memorial was shot and killed by 32-year-old ex-convict Michael Zehaf-Bibeau.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Adrian Wylid)

Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery just outside Washington. Police said in the initial hours after the shootings that as many as two other gunmen may have taken part. But as the day wore on, the cordon around Parliament was eased, employees were allowed to go home, and it

appeared increasingly likely that the attack was the work of one person.

Court records show that a man with the same name and year of birth as the gunman was charged with robbery in Vancouver in 2011. He pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of uttering threats and was sen-

tenced to a day in jail plus credit for the 66 days he had already served.

Tony Zobl said he witnessed the Canadian soldier being gunned down from his fourth-floor window directly above the National War Memorial, a 70-foot, arched granite cenotaph, or tomb, with bronze sculp-

tures commemorating World War I.

"I looked out the window and saw a shooter, a man dressed all in black with a kerchief over his nose and mouth and something over his head as well, holding a rifle and shooting an honor guard in front of the cenotaph point-blank, twice," Zobl told the Canadian Press news agency.

"The honor guard dropped to the ground, and the shooter kind of raised his arms in triumph holding the rifle."

The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. had video of the gunman going to his car alone with his weapon after the shooting at the memorial. The car was later spotted parked in front of Parliament Hill, just down the block.

Cabinet minister Tony Clement tweeted that at least 30 shots were heard inside Parliament, where Conservative and Liberal MPs were holding their weekly caucus meetings.

"I'm safe locked in a office awaiting security," Kyle Seebach, another member of Parliament, tweeted. □



In this photo provided by Conservative MP Nina Grewal, members of Parliament barricade themselves in a meeting room on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, after shots were fired in the building. A soldier standing guard at the National War Memorial was shot and killed by 32-year-old ex-convict Michael Zehaf-Bibeau.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Nina Grewal)

North Korean detainee reunites with family in US

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Associated Press

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio
(AP) — An American arrested and held for nearly six months in North Korea for leaving a Bible at a nightclub returned home to Ohio on Wednesday to tears of joy and hugs from his wife and surprised children.

A plane carrying Jeffrey Fowle, who was released with help from a retired diplomat and former Ohio congressman, landed Wednesday morning at an Air Force base near Dayton, where he was reunited with his family.

Moments after Fowle stepped off the plane, his three children and wife ran from a nearby airplane hangar and shared hugs. Tony Hall, a retired diplomat and former Ohio congressman who used his connections with North Korean officials to discuss Fowle's case, said he was excited about Fowle's release.

A lot of people were involved, he said, but he declined to name any of the officials in Pyongyang to whom he reached out. He



Jeffrey Fowle, right, stands with his wife Tatyana Fowle at their home in West Carrollton, Ohio, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014. Fowle was arrested and held for nearly six months in North Korea after leaving a Bible at a nightclub. Christian evangelism is considered a crime in North Korea.

(AP Photo/David Kohl)

said he was never asked by either the U.S. or North Korea to go to Pyongyang on Fowle's behalf.

The Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang, along

with China and Japan and envoys from Mongolia, were also involved, Hall said.

Hall said he got involved at the request of Fowle's

family and attorney, as well as the State Department, which led the push for Fowle's release.

"So I spent a lot of time communicating and trying to use some of the relations I'd built up over the years," Hall told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

There was no immediate explanation for the release of Fowle, who was whisked to the U.S. territory of Guam, where doctors declared him in good health, before heading back to Ohio.

A Korean Central News Agency report said Kim Jong Un, the leader of North Korea,

took "a special measure" by releasing Fowle, who was referred to as a "U.S. criminal." The report said Kim took "into consideration the repeated requests of U.S. President Barack Obama."

Relations between Washington and Pyongyang, never warm,

are at a particularly low point, and the U.S. has sought unsuccessfully for months to send a high-level representative to North Korea to negotiate acquittals for all three men.

The United States has no

diplomatic relations with North Korea and strongly warns American citizens against traveling to the country.

Air Force Col. John Devilier said Fowle had a tearful reunion, and that Fowle seemed thrilled.

"We had a great reunion for an American citizen coming home," he said.

Devillier said Fowle's family hadn't told the children why they were being brought to the base.

"The reaction from his children was priceless," Devilier said.

The surprise was the work of Fowle's wife, Tatyana, who only told the children they weren't going to school Wednesday.

"Jeff likes surprises," Tatyana Fowle said Wednesday afternoon at a news conference in Moraine.

Jeffrey Fowle stood beside her and smiled at times, but he did not make any statements or answer questions.

Outside the family's home in rural southwest Ohio, family attorney Timothy Tepe said Fowle had been treated well by the North Korean government and needed time to adjust to life at home. □

Man suspected of killing 7 refuses to answer judge



This undated photo shows alleged confessed killer Darren Vann.

(AP Photo)

MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CROWN POINT, Indiana
(AP) — A man who allegedly confessed to killing seven women in the central state of Indiana refused to even acknowledge his name to a judge Wednesday,

and was later charged in a second death.

Darren Vann, 43, appeared

in his initial court appearance before a judge on murder charges stemming from the death of 19-year-old Afrikka Hardy.

Her body was found in a Motel 6 on Friday, after she had been strangled.

Prosecutors said later that Vann had been charged in the death of 35-year-old Anith Jones.

Her body was found in an abandoned house in Gary on Saturday night. She had last been seen Oct. 8. An autopsy showed she had also been strangled.

Vann refused to acknowledge his name or answer questions in court.

Magistrate Judge Kathleen Sullivan found Vann in contempt and said she would schedule another hearing next week.

The judge asked at if he understood the reason for

the hearing in the death of Hardy.

But Vann stood unmoving and stone-faced, staring back silently at the judge.

When Vann — wearing striped jail garb, with his wrists and legs shackled and flanked by two guards at the lockup — still offered

no response, Sullivan told his public defender to "tell your client that he stays in jail the rest of his life until this hearing takes place." □

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Teens' travel renews concerns about terror appeal

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Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Three teenage girls being investigated for possibly trying to join Islamic State forces in Syria were victims of an "online predator" who encouraged them, a school official said Wednesday. U.S. officials tried to determine how they made it to Europe without anyone knowing and whether the terrorists' appeal is deepening among vulnerable youth. The Denver-area girls — two sisters ages 17 and 15, and their 16-year-old friend — were detained at the airport in Frankfurt, Germany, and sent home over the weekend. They were interviewed by the FBI and returned to their parents in suburban Aurora. Those in the tight-knit east African community where they live said the sisters are of Somali descent and their friend is of Sudanese descent. But the episode posed vexing questions for U.S. officials about whether they were recruited, as hundreds of other youth have been inside and outside the U.S., and what can be done about it. "Social media has played a very significant role in the recruitment of young people," said FBI spokesman Kyle Loven in Minneapolis, home to the largest Somali community in the U.S. Authorities there have been concerned about terror

recruiting of the young for years. "What it indicates is we have to be really careful about people in impressionable years and what they're doing on the Internet," said Jim Davis, former special agent in charge of the FBI in Denver.



This Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, photo shows the apartment complex in Aurora, Colo., which police say is the home of one of the three teenage girls who, according to U.S. authorities, were en route to join the Islamic State group in Syria when they were stopped at an airport in Germany. The two sisters, ages 17 and 15, and their 16-year-old friend have been reunited with their families in Colorado, according to an FBI spokeswoman.

At least one of the girls was communicating with someone online who encouraged the three to travel to Syria, said Tustin Amole, a spokeswoman for the Cherry Creek School District where the girls attend high school. Fellow high school students told school officials that the girls had been discussing

travel plans over Twitter, Amole said. "There's no indication they had been radicalized in a way that they wanted to fight for ISIS," Amole said, adding that the students had no prior problems aside from unexcused absences on Friday. She did

girls managed to get to Frankfurt. The U.S. government doesn't have any restrictions on children flying alone, domestically or internationally. Airline policies vary. Most U.S. airlines allow children 12 and older to fly alone but often with restric-

tarily to the U.S. on Sunday. In Denver, the FBI interviewed the girls before sending them home. Once home, the girls told a deputy they stayed in the Frankfurt airport for an entire day before being detained. They said they had gone to Germany for "family," but wouldn't elaborate. Secretary of State John Kerry, speaking during a visit to Berlin on Wednesday, said the case was "an example of good cooperation between us and the increased vigilance of law enforcement on this issue of the movement of people from one country to another." Amole said the school district was being "extra vigilant" in light of the FBI's concerns that the girls' friends or classmates might have similar intentions. Mohamed Nur, head of the Somali Community Center of Colorado, said residents want to know more so they can find ways to "do a better job and show kids a good path."

Terror recruiting has been a problem for years in Minneapolis. Since 2007, roughly 22 young Somali-Americans have traveled to Somalia to take up arms with al-Shabab, an al-Qaida linked group. Those were all men. Within the last year, a handful of people from the community left Minnesota to join militant groups in Syria, and this time, there are fears that women might have been targeted. Loven said the FBI is working with the Somali community to establish trust and help identify young people at risk for radicalization. □

not elaborate. A U.S. official said evidence gathered so far made it clear that the girls were headed to Syria, though the official said investigators were still trying to determine what sort of contacts they had in that country. Another U.S. official said that investigators were reviewing evidence, including the girls' computers. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name. Still unknown is how the

tions on international flights, according to the U.S. Transportation Department. The girls' parents reported them missing Friday after they skipped classes. They had taken passports and \$2,000 in cash. At some point, the U.S. informed German authorities at the airport about the girls arriving alone on their way to Turkey, German Interior Ministry spokeswoman Pamela Mueller-Niese told reporters Wednesday. She said the three were detained by German police, with approval from a judge, and returned volun-

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No verdict yet for Tsarnaev's friend

BOSTON (AP) — A federal jury in the trial of a friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has completed its first full day of deliberations without reaching a verdict. Cambridge resident Robel Phillipos is charged with lying to the FBI about the deadly bombing. Prosecutors say he lied about being in Tsarnaev's

dorm room three days after the bombing, when two other friends removed a backpack containing fireworks and other potential evidence. The items were removed hours after the FBI released photos of Tsarnaev and his brother as suspects. Phillipos says he couldn't clearly remember what he did.

The jury began deliberating Tuesday afternoon and continued Wednesday. It's expected to resume Thursday. Three people were killed and more than 260 were injured when two bombs exploded at the marathon finish line on April 15, 2013. Tsarnaev has pleaded not guilty. □

America to track everyone coming from Ebola nations

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — All travelers who come into the U.S. from three Ebola-stricken West African nations will now be monitored for three weeks, the latest step by federal officials to keep the disease from spreading into the country.

Starting Monday, anyone traveling from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone will have to report in with health officials daily and take their temperature twice a day. The measure applies not only to visitors from those countries but also returning American aid workers, federal health employees and journalists. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the new step Wednesday.

The virus has killed more than 4,800 people in West Africa, nearly all in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. Mukpo caught it while working in Liberia as a freelance cameraman for NBC and other media outlets.

CDC Director Tom Frieden said monitoring will provide an extra level of safety, on top of the temperature checks and screening that passengers undergo before they leave West Africa and again when they arrive in the United States.

"We have to keep our guard up," Frieden told reporters on a conference call.

The Obama administration has resisted increasing pressure to turn away any visitors from the three countries at the center of the Ebola outbreak, especially after a Liberian visitor to Dallas came down with the disease days after he arrived and died. Instead, they started screening at 5 U.S. airports and on Tuesday said all travelers from West Africa would be funneled to those airports.

The monitoring program will start in six states — New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey and Georgia — the destination for the bulk of the travelers from the outbreak region. It will later extend to other states. Each passenger will be required to provide contact information for themselves as well as a friend. They will be instructed to check for a fever twice a day and report their temperature and any symptoms to health officials daily. Frieden said states will determine how to do that, whether in person, by phone or Skype. If a traveler does not report in, state or local public health officials can track them down to ensure daily monitoring. How far they can go is up to those officials, CDC officials said.

They will also receive "CARE" kits — which stands for Check and Report Ebola. The kits include thermometer and instructions on what to do if symptoms occur. Also included is a card to present to health care providers if they seek care.

CDC already was telling its own employees and other health professionals working in the outbreak zone to monitor their temperature for 21 days upon return, so Wednesday's announcement adds another step to their ongoing fever watch. It can take as long as three weeks days to develop Ebola symptoms.

Earlier this year, roughly 150 travelers per day were from the three countries. But it appears there are far fewer now — there are no direct flights and flights to the region have been curtailed. New York's Kennedy airport — which handles the most traffic from the outbreak zone — has averaged 34 a day since screening began Oct. 11.

The other airports are Washington's Dulles, Newark's Liberty, Chicago's O'Hare and Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson. While a few of the people screened thus far have been taken to the hospital, none had Ebola. □

In Ferguson, Experts dispute Brown autopsy findings

JIM SALTER
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The official autopsy of an unarmed 18-year-old African-American indicates he was shot in the hand at close range during a struggle, but a medical examiner not involved in the investigation says there's no way to conclude whether the injury meant Michael Brown was trying to grab the gun of the officer who killed him. The St. Louis County medi-

cine examiner listed "gun-shot wounds to the head and chest" as the cause of death. A toxicology report with the autopsy also showed Brown had marijuana in his system. Dwain Fuller, a Dallas-area forensic toxicologist, told The Associated Press the report indicated "recent use" that likely meant Brown still was feeling the effects of the drug, but "as far as that making him violent, one can't really say."

injury meant Brown was trying to grab the officer's gun, as Wilson has alleged. Judy Melinek, a forensic pathologist from San Francisco, said combined with other evidence, the autopsy indicates there was a struggle for Wilson's gun inside the officer's SUV. "You don't just look at one piece of evidence," Melinek told the AP. "You have a witness statement, the officer, saying that Michael Brown is reaching for

the gun and it goes off and hits (Brown's) hand. The physical findings (in the autopsy) are consistent with the officer's statement."

Brown family attorney Benjamin Crump said the shots fired outside the police vehicle are what really matter. "After there was no more threat, and (Brown) was running away, why did Officer Darren Wilson keep shooting?" Crump asked in an interview with the AP. "That's what this is about. When Michael Brown put his hands up in the air, why does the officer keep shooting?"

The findings were similar to those of an autopsy commissioned by Brown's family and released Aug. 18, said Michael Baden, the former New York City chief medical examiner who performed the independent exam. □



Demonstrators rally in Ferguson, Missouri to protest the death of unarmed African-American teen Michael Brown at the hands of a police officer. The official autopsy of Brown indicates he was shot in the hand at close range during a struggle.

(AP Photo/St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Robert Cohen)

cal examiner's autopsy report, obtained by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, doesn't explain why Brown was killed after the apparent scuffle at Officer Darren Wilson's police vehicle spilled onto a Ferguson street or confirm whether he was confronting Wilson or trying to surrender when he was fatally shot — both scenarios offered by various witnesses to the Aug. 9 shooting. The shooting of Brown, who was black, by Wilson, who is white, spurred unrest and weeks of protests in Ferguson, some of which turned violent. A grand jury is expected to decide by mid-November whether Wilson will face criminal charges, and the U.S. Justice Department is investigating for possible civil rights violations.

The autopsy showed Brown suffered six bullet entrance

Both the Post-Dispatch, which published a story Wednesday on the county autopsy report, and The New York Times, which ran a story last week about the officer's account of the shooting, cited unnamed sources saying Wilson told investigators he and Brown struggled over the officer's gun. The autopsy said a microscopic exam showed that foreign matter found on tissue from Brown's injured thumb was "consistent with products that are discharged from the barrel of a firearm."

St. Louis city medical examiner Michael Graham, who was not involved in the autopsy, said that and other evidence indicates the shot to the hand probably occurred inside Wilson's SUV. Graham, in an interview with the AP, said it's impossible to conclude whether the close-range

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Government ups air bag warning to 7.8M vehicles

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The U.S. government is now urging owners of nearly 8 million cars and trucks to have the air bags repaired because of potential danger to drivers and passengers. But the effort is being complicated by confusing information and a malfunctioning website. The government's auto safety agency says that inflator mechanisms in the air bags can rupture, causing metal fragments to fly out when the bags are deployed. The inflators are made by Japanese parts supplier Takata Corp. Safety advocates say at least four people have died from the problem, which they claim could affect more than 20 million cars nationwide. On Wednesday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration added 3.1 million vehicles to an initial warning covering 4.7 million cars and SUVs.

Car owners might have difficulty determining if their vehicle is equipped with the potentially dangerous air bags. The warning covers certain models made by BMW, Chrysler, Ford,

General Motors, Mazda, Honda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Subaru and Toyota. Most of the 7.8 million vehicles are subject to existing recalls. But manufacturers have limited the recalls to high-humidity areas,

of Mexico in Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Louisiana" should pay special attention to the warning. Worse yet, the regulatory agency has twice corrected the number of ve-

feature allowing people to check for recalls by vehicle identification number malfunctioned Monday night and still wasn't operational Wednesday. Automakers have been recalling cars to fix the prob-

documents suggests the chemical used to inflate the air bag can be altered by high humidity, making it explode with too much force while deploying. "It's in a total state of uproar right now," said Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety, a nonprofit advocacy group founded by Ralph Nader.

The problem also is drawing attention from Congress. Staff members for the House Energy and Commerce Committee have asked NHTSA to brief them on the Takata air bags. They also plan to meet with automakers, a committee spokeswoman said.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator David Friedman said in a statement that car owners should respond to the recalls to stay safe. The agency, he said, is tracking down the "full geographic scope" of the issue.

Kathryn Henry, a spokeswoman for the agency, said it is unclear whether a high number of inquiries caused its website to malfunction. Until it's repaired, she urged car owners to go to manufacturer websites or call dealers. □



This undated photo provided by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety shows a crash test of a 2002 Honda CR-V, one of the models subject to a recall to repair faulty air bags. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is warning 7.8 million car owners that inflator mechanisms in the air bags can rupture, causing metal fragments to fly out when the bags are deployed.

(AP Photo/Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)

excluding cars and trucks in states to the north. NHTSA says owners in Florida, Puerto Rico, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hawaii and "limited areas near the Gulf

hicles affected and acknowledged that a list it released Monday wasn't completely accurate. The agency urged people to use its website to see if their cars are affected — but a

lem for several years, but neither Takata nor NHTSA have identified a firm cause. The agency opened a formal investigation into the problem in June, and a theory put forth in agency

Camel maker Reynolds snuffs out workplace smoking

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AP Tobacco Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Camel cigarette maker Reynolds American Inc. is snuffing out smoking in its offices and buildings. The nation's second-biggest tobacco company informed employees Wednesday that beginning next year, the use of traditional cigarettes, cigars or pipes will no longer be permitted at employee desks or offices, conference rooms, hallways and elevators. Lighting up already is prohibited on factory floors and in cafeterias and fitness centers. The no-smoking policy will go into

effect once Reynolds builds indoor smoking areas for those still wanting to light up indoors, spokesman David Howard said.

"We believe it's the right thing to do and the right time to do it because updating our tobacco use policies will better accommodate both non-smokers and smokers who work in and visit our facilities," Howard said. "We're just better aligning our tobacco use policies with the realities of what you're seeing in society today."

While Reynolds will no longer allow smoking, it will allow the use of smokeless tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes,

moist snuff and pouches of finely milled tobacco called snus (pronounced "snoose").

The company also will allow the use of Eclipse, a cigarette made by Reynolds that uses a carbon tip that heats tobacco after being lit by a lighter. First released in the mid-1990s, Eclipse is in limited distribution and one of the top-selling brands in the cafeteria at the company's Winston-Salem, North Carolina, headquarters.

The percentage of Reynolds' 5,200 employees that smoke is in line with the smoking rate in the U.S. That is about 18 percent of adults, according to the federal Centers

of Disease Control and Prevention. Through its subsidiaries, Reynolds American also makes Pall Mall cigarettes, Grizzly smokeless tobacco and Vuse-branded electronic cigarettes. Altria Group Inc., the Richmond, Virginia-based owner of the nation's biggest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, doesn't allow smoking on factory floors and in places like elevators or hallways, said spokesman David Sylvia. Employees with separate offices can smoke in them, but otherwise the company has designated smoking areas in office buildings, conference areas and cafeterias, he said. □

US Financial Front:

American consumer prices rose 0.1% in September

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumer prices edged up slightly in September, with the overall increase held back by a third straight monthly decline in gasoline prices. The tiny gain was the latest evidence that inflation remains benign.

Consumer prices rose 0.1 percent after having falling 0.2 percent in August, the Labor Department reported Wednesday. Core prices, which exclude volatile food and energy, also climbed 0.1 percent after no gain in August.

Over the past 12 months, both overall and core prices are up 1.7 percent. The increases are well below the 2 percent target for inflation set by the Federal Reserve. The modest inflationary pressures have allowed the central bank to keep interest rates at record lows to boost the economy.

Analysts said the big drop

in energy prices should hold down inflation in the months ahead and provide more maneuvering room for the Fed. Many economists don't expect the Fed to raise its key short-term rate until June of next year. "The softer inflation outlook gives more ammunition to those Fed officials who would prefer to wait longer before raising rates," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

While low inflation has given the Fed leeway to keep interest rates low, it represents a hardship for savers. It also means millions of Americans who receive Social Security benefits get lower cost of living adjustments. The government announced Wednesday that based on inflation over the past year, benefits will increase 1.7 percent in January, the fifth time in the past six years that the benefit increase has been under 2 percent.



Emily Collins orders mini donuts at the Night Market at the Kalamazoo Farmers Market in Kalamazoo, Mich. The Labor Department reported on September consumer prices on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014. (AP Photo/Katie Alaimo)

Rules on bank risk in mortgage bonds being adopted by Fed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are proceeding with new rules that ease guidelines for banks selling mortgage securities and could mean fewer borrowers will need to make hefty down payments.

The Securities and Exchange Commission voted 3-2 Wednesday to adopt the rules, which six federal agencies have been working on since 2011. The SEC's two Republican commissioners, Daniel Gallagher and Michael Piwowar, opposed adoption. The Federal Reserve governors approved the rules on a 5-0 vote later in the day. Three other agencies adopted the rules Tuesday.

With the financial crisis and subprime mortgage bust receding further into history, the regulators are looking to inject more life into the still-recovering housing market.

The rules govern the amount of risk banks must take on when they package and sell mortgage securities in a multitrillion-dollar market. In the final rules, the regulators have dropped a key requirement: a 20-percent down payment from the borrower if a bank didn't hold at least 5 percent of the mortgage securities tied to those loans on its books. The final rules include the less stringent condition that borrowers not carry excessive debt relative to their income.

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American Living:

'Silicon Beach' brings tech boom to Los Angeles

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — So long Silicon Valley. These days entrepreneurs and engineers are flocking to a place better known for surfing waves than the Web. Amid the palm trees and purple sunsets of the Southern California coastline, techies have built "Silicon Beach."

In the past few years Google, Microsoft, Facebook, and YouTube have opened offices on the west side of Los Angeles from Santa Monica south to Venice and Playa del Rey. They are joined by hundreds of startups including Hulu, Demand Media and Snapchat, which nixed a \$3 billion takeover offer from Facebook. Major Hollywood players like The Walt Disney Co. and Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros. have launched startup accelerators to help local tech entrepreneurs. The city of Los Angeles even hired its first chief technology officer, former Qualcomm executive Peter Marx, earlier this year.

"Historically, Silicon Valley has been the center of gravity for tech and startups but I think more and more, these types of companies can be built anywhere," says Erik Rannala, who moved from San Francisco to Los Angeles with his entrepreneurial partner William Hsu several years ago. Rannala and Hsu oversee MuckerLab, a technology incubator in Santa Monica, California, that has invest-

ed in 45 startups such as flower marketplace Bloom-Nation and online tuxedo rental outfit The Black Tux. Many of the ideas for the companies were hatched

Ahmad, is located in a Venice complex formerly owned by the late actor Dennis Hopper. They still get his mail. One of Hopper's sculptures adorns the yard

View," says Epoxy TV's Ahmad. "Culturally it's just a vastly different place." What's happening here is part of a growing movement of U.S. cities seek-

wealth while routinely paying employees six-figure salaries, generous benefits and stock options that can generate multimillion-dollar windfalls.

All the prosperity has caused the cost of living in Silicon Valley to soar. It's nearly impossible to buy even a small home for less than a \$1 million in San Francisco and many other nearby cities. Tiny apartments can cost \$2,500 to \$3,500 per month.

Prices like those are one more reason that less expensive, but still enticing places like Los Angeles make sense to tech entrepreneurs, says Chris DeWolfe, who runs a rapidly growing company called the Social Gaming Network in Beverly Hills.

The only thing that remains as a major benchmark for Los Angeles is to give birth to a city-defining company in the same way that Facebook, Google and Apple have defined Silicon Valley, or how Amazon and Microsoft have reshaped the Seattle region. On the other opposite side of the U.S., New York's "Silicon Alley" has been a high-tech cove for the past 15 years. Boston and Washington D.C. also have had some success cultivating a vibrant technology scene, though neither city has coined a catchy nickname that has stuck. Billionaire Steve Case, who co-founded AOL Inc. in Virginia, is trying to spread the tech gospel in U.S. cities that have been brushed off as rusty relics of a bygone industrial era. □



Dollar Shave Club CEO and co-founder Michael Dubin poses for photos at the company's headquarters in Venice, Calif. The relocation of tech companies to southern California is part of a growing movement of U.S. cities seeking to duplicate the formula that turned northern California's Silicon Valley, slightly south of San Francisco, into a mecca of society-shifting innovation and immense wealth. Dubin says the Venice scene has helped his online razor service recruit employees.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

in MuckerLab's concrete-walled space, which is covered with white boards and sticky tabs.

The vibe is eclectic. No office-park chic here. Companies allocate ample space for bikes and surfboards so employees can hit the beach after work. Social media software maker Epoxy TV, founded by Juan Bruce and Jason

and inside, there's a staircase to nowhere designed by renowned Los Angeles architect Frank Gehry. The Venice scene also has helped online razor service Dollar Shave Club recruit employees, according to founder and Philadelphia native Michael Dubin.

"It's very different to be at the heart of Venice than to be in the heart of Mountain

View," says Epoxy TV's Ahmad. "Culturally it's just a vastly different place." What's happening here is part of a growing movement of U.S. cities seeking to duplicate the formula that turned northern California's Silicon Valley, slightly south of San Francisco, into a hive of society-shifting innovation and immense wealth. Cupertino-based Apple Inc., Mountain View's Google Inc. and Menlo Park-based Facebook Inc. collectively have created more than \$1 trillion in shareholder



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At Berlin Wall, Kerry warns against Cold War redux MAT-

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BERLIN (AP) — Surrounded by relics of the Cold War, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his German counterpart warned Wednesday against a return to the bitter divide between east and west over the current crisis in Ukraine.

Under gloomy skies and a steady rain, Kerry and German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier visited one of the few remaining sections of the Berlin Wall. They emphasized that the West does not seek confrontation with Russia and implored Moscow to move quickly to fulfill the terms of an agreement to end the fighting in eastern Ukraine between the government and pro-Russian separatists. Ukraine accuses Moscow of aiding the separatists, a charge that Moscow denies.

Ahead of next month's 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, Kerry and Steinmeier met German high-school students about the age that Kerry was when he lived in divided Berlin after World War II while his father served as a U.S. diplomat.

Though the Wall had not been built when Kerry rode his bicycle into the Soviet zone of the city as a 12-year-old, he recalled the stark contrast between east and west, visible in the clothing and demeanor of Berliners as well as the conditions.

"As a young child I saw the difference, I felt the difference," he told reporters after he and Steinmeier met the students and, with the wall behind them, chatted with a woman who had es-

caped East Germany by driving her Trabant car to Hungary.

"It frightened me enough that I turned back fairly quickly," Kerry said of his bicycle ride. "It was a difference between hope and despair, between light and

plomacy" on Ukraine and other matters.

Germany has been leading efforts to find a diplomatic solution to the crisis in Ukraine, while also seeking to keep up pressure on Moscow with economic sanctions. Merkel has talk-

ed global importance," Kerry said.

Earlier with Steinmeier, Kerry said he hoped the Ukraine crisis would not spark another Cold War and maintained that the West's tough stance against Russian intervention in Ukraine

much rather be working together to deal with the problems of the world ... will understand how seriously the world takes the efforts to cross the lines of sovereignty and independence of a nation."

"We know that this conflict



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry holds up the T-shirt he bought to the crowd gathered outside a souvenir store near Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014. Surrounded by relics of the Cold War, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his German counterpart warned Wednesday against a return to the bitter divide between east and west over the crisis in Ukraine.

(AP Photo/Brian Snyder, Pool)

darkness. You noticed it."

On his way to a meeting with Chancellor Angela Merkel, Kerry swung by the former Checkpoint Charlie, a crossing point between the American and Soviet sectors of Berlin during the Cold War.

Arriving at the chancellery, he thanked Merkel for being at the "forefront of di-

ed frequently with Russian President Vladimir Putin and met him in Italy last week. "Even as we celebrate the fall of the Wall and all that it symbolizes, it was very clear to me today, as it is to America, that the story of Germany is not past, it's the future and what you are doing to define that future, leading on so many issues

was only standing up for peoples' basic freedoms.

"These freedoms are still being threatened in too many parts of the world and they are even being threatened right here in Europe," he said. "Russia's aggression in Ukraine needs to end."

"We hope that Russia, with whom we do not seek conflict, with whom we would

is still explosive enough to threaten the peaceful order in Europe," Steinmeier said. "It is our responsibility to prevent a new divide in Europe opening up ever again."

Kerry added that "none of us want another generation growing up with the foreboding sense of a Cold War."

Driver plows into group at Jerusalem train station

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JERUSALEM - A Palestinian driver plowed his car into a group of people waiting at a light rail station in northern Jerusalem on Wednesday, the police said, killing an Israeli baby and injuring eight other people. The driver was shot and seriously injured by police officers as he tried to flee, according to the police, in an episode that added to the escalating tensions in the city. A spokesman for the police, Micky Rosenfeld, said

the event was being treated as a suspected terrorist attack, with a strong possibility that the driver had deliberately run people over. Footage from a traffic camera aired on Israeli television showed the car swerving off the main road and driving fast in the direction of the rail station. The Maan Palestinian news agency identified the driver as Abd al-Rahman Al-Shaloudy, 20. Rosenfeld said the driver had previously served time in an Israeli prison.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel ordered a reinforcement of security forces in Jerusalem and, in a statement, accused President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority of inciting violence against Jews in Jerusalem. In a speech over the weekend, Abbas called on Palestinians to defend the Al-Aqsa Mosque by all means after a series of violent confrontations between Muslim worshippers and the police in the mosque compound, Islam's third-holiest site.

Many of the clashes have centered on the visits of Israeli rightists who frequent the compound and are increasingly demanding the right to pray there. Known to Jews as Temple Mount, the compound is considered Judaism's holiest site and the location of the ancient Jewish temples. The car attack came hours after gunshots and an anti-tank missile fired across the Egyptian-Israeli border wounded two Israeli soldiers in a vehicle, according to the Israeli military.

The attack came from the rugged desert terrain of the Sinai Peninsula, where Islamic militants have been battling Egyptian forces and have occasionally carried out attacks against foreign targets or against Israel. But Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, a spokesman for the Israeli military, said a preliminary inquiry indicated that the cross-border fire came from drug smugglers operating in the area. Israeli forces returned fire and killed at least three of the assailants, according to the military. □

Missile, fire from Egypt wounds 2 Israeli troops

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Attackers inside Egypt fired an anti-tank missile and automatic rifles at a military vehicle in Israel on Wednesday, wounding two soldiers in a rare cross-border incident, the military said. The attack occurred in southern Negev Desert and the soldiers were evacuated to a hospital in Israel, it added. An Egyptian security official suggested the gunfire came from smugglers who were clashing with Egyptian troops at the time along the border with Israel. The frontier between Israel and Egypt is normally quiet. The two countries signed a peace accord 35 years ago and have close security cooperation. No one immediately



Israeli soldiers stand near the Israel and Egypt border, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014. Attackers from the Egyptian side of the border fired an anti-tank missile and gunshots at an Israeli military vehicle on Wednesday, wounding at least two soldiers in a rare cross-border incident, the military said. (AP Photo/Tsafir Abayov)

claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack but Islamic militants in Egypt's

lawless Sinai Peninsula have attempted to carry out attacks against Israel in

recent years. In September 2012, an Israeli soldier was killed in a similar shooting.

A year earlier, a series of coordinated attacks killed seven Israelis. Al-Qaida-linked militants in Sinai have also carried out deadly attacks against the Egyptian military, which has been trying to crack down on their activity in the desert. The Israeli military said it has no indication yet who was behind the attack. It said that it dispatched troops to the area to make sure that no infiltration into its territory took place. In the meantime, it asked residents in the area to remain in their homes. It later said after an investigation that troops had foiled a "violent drug smuggling attempt" and that the soldiers came under attack from three different points including from a car driving near the border. □ It said the soldiers returned

British arrest woman suspected of planning terrorism

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LONDON - As Western concerns mount over the number of young Muslims seeking to join jihadist forces in the Middle East, British police said Wednesday that a 25-year-old woman had been arrested in Bedfordshire, north of London, on suspicion of preparing "terrorist acts" related to the fighting in Syria. The nature of the accusations was not specified,

but the police operation was the latest in a string of raids intended to thwart attacks in Britain or to restrain young people drawn to the militant group Islamic State, which is waging a bloody campaign to create a caliphate in Iraq and Syria. Police said they were searching two properties in Bedfordshire and had taken the woman to a police station in central London. She was not identified. The arrest came after

U.S. law enforcement authorities intercepted three teenage girls from the Denver suburbs at the international airport in Frankfurt, Germany, as they tried to travel to Syria. News reports said the girls had been reported missing by their families Friday. The families did not know why the teenagers had left, according to the Arapahoe County sheriff's office in Colorado, and they have been reunited. It was not

clear whether they would face criminal charges. Britain is part of a U.S.-led coalition conducting airstrikes against Islamist State forces, but it has restricted its campaign to striking targets in Iraq and to helping train and supply Kurdish forces in the north. The United States is also attacking the militants in Syria, most significantly in recent days to contain jihadist forces seeking to overrun the town of Kobani on the

Turkey-Syria border. British authorities are fighting a parallel battle at home, where at least 500 young Muslims have reportedly traveled to Syria to join jihadist forces. Last week, Mark Rowley, an assistant police commissioner who is Britain's most senior counterterrorism officer, said the police had disrupted several plots inspired by the Islamic State to kill people on the street. □

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Libyan military troops advance into Benghazi

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Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) —

Libyan army troops on Wednesday pushed into Benghazi, the first time in two months that government forces had entered the eastern city, which has been under control of Islamist militias.

The advance was a significant boost to the troops, though fighting was still raging in Benghazi and the army had a long battle ahead, said Meloud al-Zewi, spokesman for Libya's special forces.

Al-Zewi said Libyan troops first swooped into the district of Benina, where Benghazi's airport is located, then took control of other districts, including the eastern, heavily populated neighborhood of Sedi Khalifa.

Pictures of soldiers kissing the ground and residents welcoming the armored vehicles were widely circulated on social networking sites. On its official Facebook page, the Libyan army urged residents to stay from crowding around the army in their joy for fear this would make them an easy target.

Libya is witnessing its worst spasm of violence since the downfall of the long-time dictator Moammar Gadhafi. Three years after his killing at the hands of rebel forces, the country has been taken hostage by militias, whose loyalties are either to their local area or to Islamist extremist ideology.

Successive governments have failed to rein in the militias and instead have bankrolled them to maintain order in the absence of a strong army and police. □

Iraq:

Kurdish lawmakers approve fighters for Syria

BRAM JANSSEN

ZEINA KARAM

Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) —

Lawmakers in Iraq's largely autonomous Kurdish region Wednesday authorized peshmerga forces to go to neighboring Syria and help fellow Kurds combat Islamic State militants in the key border town of Kobani, providing much-needed boots on the ground.

The unprecedented deployment will almost certainly depend on the support of Turkey, whose president criticized a U.S. airdrop of arms to Kurdish fighters after some of the weapons wound up in the hands of the extremists.

Turkey, which has riled Kurdish leaders and frustrated Washington by refusing to allow fighters or weapons into Kobani, said this week it would help Iraqi Kurdish fighters cross into Syria to help their brethren against the militants, who also are being attacked by a U.S.-led campaign of airstrikes.

But it is not clear how many fighters will be allowed in or whether they will be allowed to carry enough weapons to make an impact.

The Kurds of Syria and Iraq have become a major focal point in the war against the Islamic State group, with Kurdish populations in both countries coming under significant threat by the militants' lightning advance.

Lt. Gen. Frederick Hodges, the outgoing commander of NATO's Land Command in Izmir, Turkey, said the Turks have agreed to open up "a land bridge of sorts" so that the peshmerga can get into Kobani to help with



Thick smoke from an airstrike by the US-led coalition rises in Kobani, Syria, as seen from a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, and its surrounding areas, has been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group since mid-September and is being defended by Kurdish fighters.

(AP Photo/Leffteris Pitarakis)

the fighting there.

"It seems to me that between the United States, Turkey and other countries, they are figuring out what is permissible to make sure that ISIL is not successful and that it is something that Turkey can live with," he added, using an acronym for the group.

Anwar Muslim, a Kobani-based senior Kurdish official, praised the parliament's decision, saying "all help is welcome." He said there seemed to be a solidifying international push to help Kobani combat the militants.

"The next days will show the seriousness" of the Turks, he said. In August, Syrian and Iraqi Kurds took part in cross-border operations to help rescue tens of thousands of displaced people from the Yazidi minority group under threat by the IS militants in Iraq's Sinjar

Mountains.

The fight in Kobani has also grabbed the world's attention and raised sympathy for the outgunned Kurds.

The overwhelming vote in the Kurdish parliament to send fighters to Kobani underscored growing cooperation between Kurds in these countries and marked a first mission for the peshmerga outside Iraq. Hoshiyar Zebari, a Kurdish politician and Iraq's long-serving foreign minister, told Al-Arabiya TV the decision was "part of an understanding" reached between Kurdish, Turkish and U.S. officials to provide military aid to Kobani.

"This is a big turning point in Kurdish history," said Youssef Mohammed, the speaker of parliament. "Troops used to be sent to occupy Kurdish lands, but now we are sending soldiers to protect our Kurdish

brothers abroad," he said.

There were few details about the fighting force, however, and Kurdish officials said they would be worked out later.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the United States made a mistake in airdropping weapons to Kurdish fighters in Kobani earlier this week because some of the weapons ended up in IS hands.

"It turns out that what was done was wrong," he said, according to Turkey's private Dogan news agency. The Turkish government is reluctant to aid the Syrian Kurdish forces — the People's Protection Units, or YPG — because it views them as an extension of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has waged a 30-year insurgency in Turkey and is designated a terrorist group by the U.S. and NATO. □

In the Bahamas:

Australian finishes marathon swim

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Dehydrated and exhausted, Australian swimmer Chloe McCardel successfully completed a 78-mile (126-kilometer) swim Wednesday between two islands in the Bahamas. McCardel's support team says the 42 ½ hour effort is the longest open-water solo, continuous marathon swim in history,

that some previous efforts were not well documented. McCardel, a 29-year-old athlete from Melbourne, set out from the southern tip of Eleuthera island and reached the capital of Nassau at about 1 a.m. local time. She made the attempt under rules that included not being permitted to intentionally

Bahamas until she is rested enough to travel. "I know she will take some time to recover from this massive achievement which she has spent her entire swimming career preparing for," said McQueeney, who travelled alongside her on the support boat. The longest nonstop, solo open-water swims have



Australian ultra-marathon swimmer Chloe McCardel is comforted by her husband Paul McQueeney, left while Lily Hope, 6, and Luke Hope, 4, along with their Mother Michelle Lakin Hope, get the chance to meet McCardel as she rests on a boat off the Nassau coastline early Wednesday Oct. 22, 2014 after completing her world record marathon swim attempt.

(AP Photo/Tim Aylen)

though such claims come with complications. The Marathon Swimmers Federation says it is difficult to compare marathon swims because of varying currents and other factors, including the fact

touch her support boat or hold on to anything. Upon reaching Nassau, she was escorted by her husband, Paul McQueeney, and support crew for a medical examination. She plans to remain in the

been in rivers and benefited from significant assistance from currents, so they are not comparable to ocean swims, said Evan Morrison, co-founder of the Marathon Swimmers Federation. □

Australia denies elite troop shortage

ROD McGUIRK
Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia has recently deployed troops with diagnosed mental illnesses and on multiple tours of duty, but not because of any shortage of elite combat troops, senior officers said Wednesday. Vice Adm. Ray Griggs, who is acting chief of defense, told a Senate committee that he did not know if any of the 200 commandos and Special Air Service troops who will soon deploy from the United Arab Emirates into Iraq to advise and assist Iraqi security forces

in their fight against Islamic State militants was taking anti-psychotic medicine. "There are some members of the ADF that deploy with antidepressants," Griggs said, referring to the Australian Defense Force. "Those cases are individually examined and an assessment is made about risk factors and they either deploy or they don't deploy," he added. Rear Adm. Robyn Walker, who heads the defense health section, said seven personnel on "mental health-related medications" have been deployed

on overseas operations between 2012 and August 2014. She did not say where. Australia was the third largest source of special forces after the United States and Britain for more than a decade during the Afghanistan war, and numerous elite Australian troops fought in multiple tours of duty over the years. Griggs also revealed that since Australian troops led a U.N. force to restore peace in East Timor in 1999, more than 10 percent of Australian military personnel deployed overseas had conducted six or more tours of duty. □

Appeal sought in Puerto Rico gay marriage cases

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Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A federal court judge has rejected an attempt to end a ban on same-sex marriages in Puerto Rico, saying political order itself depends on traditional marriage and deriding the logic of courts that have overturned such bans. The five gay couples who filed the suit will appeal, their attorney said Wednesday. The couples had challenged the constitutionality of several local laws, including a 1902 code that defines marriage as between a man and a woman. But in a ruling issued late Tuesday, U.S. District Court Judge Juan Perez-Gimenez upheld the laws, stating people and legislators, not judges, should debate the issue.

"Because no right to same-gender marriage emanates from the Constitution, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico should not be compelled to recognize such unions," he wrote in the 21-page ruling. "Instead, Puerto Rico, acting through its legislature, remains free to shape its own marriage policy." National gay rights group Lambda Legal is representing the group, which includes two couples who seek to marry in Puerto Rico and three couples who live on the island and married elsewhere.

"We were obviously surprised by the decision," Lambda Legal attorney Omar Gonzalez-Pagan said by phone. "Close to 50 court decisions have disagreed with that assessment, including four circuit courts of appeals." He said they would file an appeal within days.

More than 30 states have recognized same-sex unions, many after an Oct. 6 U.S. Supreme Court decision that refused to hear appeals from states seeking to defend gay marriage bans.

Puerto Rico is the only jurisdiction under the First Circuit Court of Appeals that bans same-sex marriages, Gonzalez-Pagan said.

Perez-Gimenez questioned the actions of more than two dozen judges on the U.S. mainland who have struck down state same-sex marriage bans following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling known as U.S. vs. Windsor. That ruling struck down a federal provision that denied several tax, health and veterans benefits to legally married gay couples, though it did not declare gay marriage legal nationwide.

Perez-Gimenez said the Windsor case only serves to re-affirm states' authority over marriage.

"Windsor does not — cannot — change things," he wrote. "It takes inexplicable contortions of the mind or perhaps even willful ignorance ... to interpret Windsor's endorsement of the state control of marriage as eliminating the state control of marriage."

Perez-Gimenez wondered in his ruling whether laws prohibiting polygamy and incestuous relations will be questioned now, saying that traditional marriage is essential to society itself.

"Ultimately the very survival of the political order depends upon the procreative potential embodied in traditional marriage," he said. "Those are the well-tested, well-proven principles on which we have relied for centuries."

The legal fight in Puerto Rico began in March, when attorney Ada Conde, 53, who married her longtime partner in Massachusetts, filed a federal lawsuit seeking to have their marriage recognized in the U.S. territory, where lawmakers last year approved four measures in favor of the gay community, including one that extends a domestic violence law to gay couples. □



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Kenja Howel Honored as Employee of the Third Quarter

NOORD - An informal morning gathering over snacks and refreshments marked the election of the Employee of the 3rd quarter at Caribbean Palm Beach Resort. The always phenomenal Kenja Howell landed the top award by virtue of being cooperative, loyal, helpful and always prepared to go above and beyond the call of duty. Also nominated Jean Philomon, who just concluded fifteen years of service at the resort, Juanita Dorothal, and Rakeshkoemar Soekhi both of the housekeeping department, Cedric Tromp a member of maintenance and Mislady Fingal of the activities department. Interim General Manager Astrid Muller presented the award to Kenjah and the certificates of merit to the runner ups thanking them



all for the outstanding job they do at her resort. The Extra Mile award was next, recognizing employees who truly applied themselves during the quarter. The list this time was especially long since the resort undertook a number of projects which required helping hands,

and those became easily available when many members of housekeeping and maintenance volunteered to go the extra mile. The list included Carlo Henao, Jean Merisier, Clifford Tromp, Gregory Sanchez, Richard Webb, Juanita Dorothal, Elsa Croes, Janet Brinkmann, Janeth



Herrera. Mislady Sarmiento and Francis Kelly. Others lauded with the Extra Mile award included Sadia Futa for her excellent social media contributions, George Irausquin and Hyacintho Henriquez for sprucing up the gardens nicely, and Marilina Kuiperi for keeping up with the heavy demand for rooms in the Latin market. Activities special-

ist Mislady Sarmiento was also acknowledged for the terrific job she does entertaining guests and lending a willing helping hand to anyone who asks. Pictured here, the informal morning gathering over snacks and refreshments marking the election of the Employee of the 3rd quarter at Caribbean Palm Beach Resort. □

Lions Bring Their Top-Ranked Defense to London

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Serena Williams of the U.S. looks to make a forehand return to Romania's Simona Halep during their singles match at the WTA tennis finals in Singapore, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014.

(AP Photo/Mark Baker)

Halep Routs Serena Williams at WTA Finals

CHRIS LINES
AP Sports Writer

SINGAPORE (AP) — Serena Williams did not hesitate when asked to describe her performance Wednesday, when she took her

heaviest defeat since she was 16 years old.

"Embarrassing describes the way I played today," Williams said. "Very embarrassing."

Williams was routed 6-0,

6-2 by Simona Halep at the WTA Finals in what was arguably the worst performance of the 18-time Grand Slam champion's career. The last time Williams managed to win just

two games in a WTA Tour or Grand Slam match was in 1998 when she was a newcomer to the tour, known best as Venus' little sister. The loss in the round-robin match provided a shud-

dering halt to Williams' 16-match winning streak at the year-end championships, where she is the two-time defending champion.

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"My forehand was off today," Williams said. "It's obviously gone on an early vacation. My serve was at best at the 10-and-under division of juniors. 'You got to step up to the plate. She did and I didn't.'"

The fourth-ranked Halep had never before beaten a player ranked in the top 3, and in her two matches against Williams last year, she only won a total of seven games.

For a player who was ranked No. 47 two years ago, Wednesday's win over No. 1 Williams represented a new career high. "It was my best match of my life," Halep said. "I played unbelievable shots. It means a lot this match. At an important time I played really well, and after today my confidence will be more high."



Romania's Simona Halep reaches for a backhand return to Serena Williams of the U.S. during their singles match at the WTA tennis finals in Singapore, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014.

(AP Photo/Mark Baker)

Halep, runner-up at this year's French Open, beat Eugenie Bouchard in her opening match and moves to 2-0 in the Red Group. Williams slips to 1-1 and will face Bouchard next. Ana Ivanovic beat Bouchard

in Wednesday's other game, winning 6-1, 6-3. Ivanovic is 1-1 and Bouchard fell to 0-2. Going into the last round-robin matches in the Red Group, Halep is all but certain of a semifinal berth, needing to win

just one game against Ivanovic, while Bouchard has only a very slim mathematical chance of progressing. Williams' defeat jeopardized her chances of finishing the year as the top-ranked player. Had she

won Wednesday, the only way she could have lost the No. 1 spot is if Maria Sharapova won the title. Now, just reaching the final may be enough for the Russian, depending on the result of Williams' match against Bouchard on Thursday.

Halep has been careful not to raise her sights too high at this tournament. She remained cautious even after two dominant victories. "I have confidence I can get to the semifinals," Halep said. "First I have to forget this day, but it will be hard to forget. I am so happy."

"I will party with my friends and family, and for sure I will enjoy this victory, because it means a lot."

Williams served six double-faults in the opening set and had 36 unforced errors — three times Halep's total. But the key to the result was the performance on break points. □

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Falcons seek 'home' advantage in faraway London

SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press

WATFORD, England (AP) —

The Atlanta Falcons are a long way from the Georgia Dome.

But they are getting ready for a "home" game in London against the Detroit Lions.

Reeling from a four-game losing streak and several injuries, the Falcons (2-5) are not out of it in the mediocre NFC South.

The Falcons enter the week trailing the Saints (2-5) and Panthers (3-3-1).

"As bad and as ugly as it's been in the last couple of weeks, we're still right in the mix," quarterback Matt Ryan said after the team arrived Monday to overcome a trans-Atlantic dose of jetlag.

For the second time in an injury-filled season, Ryan will be taking snaps from a new center: undrafted rookie James Stone.

The Falcons' first backup, Peter Konz, tore ligaments in his left knee Sunday in the Falcons' 29-7 loss to the Baltimore Ravens. He became the fourth starting lineman to suffer a season-ending injury this year.

Ryan and coach Mike Smith expressed confidence in Stone's ability to learn quickly, but know he will face a challenge in Ndamukong Suh and the rest of the Lions' ferocious pass rush.

"James is a very good young football player that understands the game. He impressed us early on with his ability to identify fronts and change protections. He is an intelligent young guy," Smith said. "He just doesn't have any experience."

Stone is hardly the only one facing new experiences as the NFL pursues its experiment of developing European interest in the American sport with the second of three games at London's Wembley Stadium this season.

Many of the Falcons had never traveled overseas before Monday.

When they arrived at London's Heathrow Airport, they went immediately to

an elementary school to teach local kids some NFL fundamentals, and were instructed by coaches to push through the jetlag by staying awake well past sundown.

Many players found it difficult to follow that advice and were still feeling jetlag on Wednesday as prac-

tice opened at the London training ground of Arsenal, one of Britain's top soccer clubs. "I was in and out. I think I woke up at 2 o'clock," said receiver Julio Jones, describing his first night's attempt to sleep on the European clock. "It's difficult here with this time difference, five hours. It's

been rough on me."

Jones was asked by an English journalist whether he thought the league was serious about bringing an NFL team full time to London.

He said it might provide the best home-field advantage in league history, so long as the visiting U.S. team didn't

get the time to adjust their body clocks.

"A permanent franchise?" he said. "Y'all would definitely have the upper hand — if you don't let guys come in too early to get acclimated. Let them come in on Friday. Play them Sunday. You'd kill 'em every time."



Atlanta Falcons players practice a play during a training session at the Arsenal FC training ground in London Colney, England, Wednesday Oct. 22, 2014. The Falcons will play the Detroit Lions in an NFL football game at London's Wembley Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 26.

(AP Photo/Tim Ireland)

Lions pack top-ranked defense for UK trip

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

BAGSHOT, England (AP) —

Heading into this week-end's game, the Detroit Lions have the No. 1 defense in the NFL.

Make that the world.

Already overseas and practicing, the Lions (5-2) will face the Atlanta Falcons (2-5) on Sunday in the second of three regular-season games this year at Wembley Stadium in London.

"We're not afraid to go anywhere, any place and go out there and play and execute what we need to get done," Lions defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh said Wednesday. "It comes

from our coach. The attitude that he brings with us, understanding that it doesn't make a difference whether we're in London, or at home, or have to go to Atlanta."

Detroit leads the league in total defense, ranking second in stopping the rush and seventh in pass defense.

The Lions arrived in London on Tuesday, a day after the Falcons landed in Britain and two days after Detroit's come-from-behind 24-23 win over the New Orleans Saints.

Sunday's game is a first for both the Lions and Falcons in London but the 10th NFL game at the home stadium

of England's national soccer team. It will make for an early start back home — the 1:30 p.m. kickoff in London translates to 9:30 a.m. on the East Coast.

The fans may find the starting time to be a bit out of the ordinary, but the Lions made sure they were prepared for the cross-Atlantic flight, bringing in specialists to advise the players on how to get over the jet lag. Obvious things like sleeping on the plane were mentioned, but players were also told to wear sunglasses indoors on the first day.

"I tried to sleep on the plane, wasn't the most comfortable plane ride," receiver Golden Tate said.

"Especially after just playing on Sunday, a lot of the guys were still sore.

Especially on Monday, that's when the soreness really kicks in.

"But we were told to stay up until 11 o'clock, once we got here, keep our shades on, take melatonin after 5, make sure we hydrate on the plane.

And then once we got here not to sleep until we went to bed that night, which I didn't do, so might be why I'm struggling right now." Before getting to Wembley for the game, the Lions are spending the week practicing south of the city at the facility used by England's national rugby team.

European Roundup:

Ronaldo scores 70th as Real beats Liverpool 3-0

JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 70th Champions League goal and Mario Balotelli again failed to deliver as Real Madrid cruised to a 3-0 win at Liverpool on Wednesday to take complete control of Group B with a third

goals from defender Kieran Gibbs and forward Lukas Podolski — a peripheral player this season. German sides continue to score for fun, as Borussia Dortmund romped to a 4-0 win at Galatasaray the day after Bayern Munich's magnificent 7-1 in Roma and Schalke beat Sport-

night for Italian champion Juventus, which slumped to a surprise 1-0 defeat at Greek side Olympiakos. At Anfield, all eyes were on Ronaldo but it was Karim Benzema — usually Ronaldo's favorite goal supplier — who out-scored his more illustrious teammate. The France forward

ing the final, if not securing an 11th European crown. "We are fighting very hard to repeat our success of last season," said Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti, whose team has won its last eight matches in all competitions — scoring 35 goals. "We are playing well and have a huge desire to

one goal of former Madrid star Raul Gonzalez's record tally in the Champions League.

He is one ahead of great rival Lionel Messi, who scored one and made one in Barcelona's 3-1 win against Ajax on Tuesday, before being taken off to rest him ahead of Saturday's massive game against Ronaldo's Madrid. Benzema headed in the second in the 30th minute before pouncing from close range.

Liverpool clearly misses Luis Suarez, who scored 31 league goals last season before joining Barcelona, and Balotelli doesn't seem to be an able replacement — at least not yet.

Since joining from AC Milan continued, he has only scored once in 10 games and, to make matters worse, as he was substituted at halftime he even swapped shirts with his marker, Pepe, while walking to the dressing rooms. "It's not something I stand for," an angry Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers said. "If you want to do that, for me you do that at the end of the game. It's something I'll deal with."

Liverpool, with three points from three matches, is locked with FC Basel and Ludogorets for second place. Ludogorets got a first ever win by a Bulgarian side in a Champions League group thanks to a 91st-minute winner from defender Yordan Minev.

Arsenal and Dortmund scrapped for top spot last season, and the odds again look in Dortmund's favor. Striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored twice inside the first 20 minutes, Marco Reus made it 3-0 before the break and substitute Adrian Ramos completed the rout late on to give Dortmund nine points.

"We were focused, had no problems in defence and our fast breaks were very dangerous," Dortmund's World Cup-winning German defender Mats Hummels said.



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo, second right, scores the opening goal during the Champions League group B soccer match between Liverpool and Real Madrid at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England, Wednesday Oct. 22, 2014.

(AP Photo/Jon Super)

straight win.

While Tuesday night's 40-goal bonanza never looked like being matched, there was still drama elsewhere as Arsenal scraped a 2-1 win at Anderlecht with late

ing Lisbon 4-3. Bayer Leverkusen also underlined the Bundesliga's fine form in Europe, beating Zenit St. Petersburg 2-0 on Wednesday.

By contrast, it was a bad

grabbed the other two goals in a devastating 18-minute first-half spell that silenced the home crowd. On this form, it is hard to bet against defending champion Madrid at least reach-

make that happen again." Ronaldo's goal, a superbly-taken flick, put Madrid ahead in the 23rd minute, and took him to 20 goals in just 13 games this season. He also moved to within

Ferrer beats Seppi to advance at Valencia Open

VALENCIA, Spain (AP) — Top-seeded David Ferrer powered his way past Andreas Seppi 6-3, 7-5 to reach the second round of the Valencia Open on Wednesday. The Spaniard's consistent first-serve accuracy and powerful forehand returns proved too strong for his Italian opponent. Ferrer will play countryman Fernando Verdasco next. Earlier, Pablo Andujar caused the first major upset of the tournament by defeating second-seeded

Tomas Berdych. Andujar, whose hometown is Valencia, downed the Czech player 6-3, 6-2 in 72 minutes, three days after Berdych had won the Stockholm Open, his 10th ATP title.

"It was a very special match for me, here in Valencia, with my friends and family cheering me on," Andujar said. "I tried to be as solid as I could, then when I had a chance I tried to hit the ball as hard as I could because I know Tomas is more powerful than

me. Had I returned tame balls, he would have destroyed me."

Third-seeded Andy Murray overcame early problems with his first serve to beat Jurgen Melzer of Austria 6-3, 6-3, with coach Amelie Mauresmo watching from the stands.

Murray, who won this tournament in 2009 and claimed his 30th tour title when he rallied to defeat Ferrer at the Erste Bank Open in Vienna on Sunday, hit 10 aces past Melzer.

He will play Fabio Fognini of

Italy in the second round. Pablo Carreno Busta, who entered on a wildcard and is 10 years younger than fourth-seeded Feliciano Lopez, took just 65 minutes to defeat his 33-year-old Spanish compatriot 6-4, 6-4. Brazil's Tomas Bellucci beat Mikhail Youzhny 7-5, 6-3 and will next face Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain, who defeated Santiago Giraldo 6-4, 6-4.

In a late match, Spain's Tommy Robredo beat Yen-Hsun Lu of Taiwan 6-2, 6-4.

AP SOURCE: Goodell told to testify in Rice appeal

ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has been told to testify in Ray Rice's appeal of his indefinite suspension, a person familiar with the case told The Associated Press on Wednesday night. Former U.S. District Judge Barbara S. Jones, the neutral arbiter selected to hear the appeal, informed the parties of her decision Wednesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the appeal have not been made public.

Since this isn't a criminal case, it's uncertain whether Goodell will actually testify in a private arbitration. He said earlier this month he would leave the decision to Judge Jones.

"We will continue to respect Judge Jones's confidentiality order regarding this proceeding," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in an email.

NFL lawyers have argued that Goodell shouldn't have to testify, and instead were offering testimony from Jeff Pash, the NFL's general counsel, and Adolpho Birch, the NFL's vice president for labor policy. Pash and Birch were with Goodell when he met with Rice's side in June to talk about what happened when the former Pro Bowl running back hit his then-fiancee in an elevator.

Rice described details of the incident at that meeting. The hearing will be held Nov. 5 and 6, two people familiar with the case told the AP on Tuesday.

Rice was suspended indefinitely Sept. 8 for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy after a video of the former Pro Bowl running back hitting the woman was released publicly. Goodell originally had suspended the running back for two games.

Once the video became public, the Baltimore Ravens cut Rice, and the league banned him indefinitely.

Swiss Open: Nadal into quarterfinals; Federer into 2nd round

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — After Rafael Nadal reached the Swiss Open quarterfinals in 57 minutes with a 6-1, 6-1 win against Frenchman Pierre-Hugues Herbert, top-seeded Roger Federer crushed Gilles Muller of Luxembourg 6-2, 6-1 in just 46 minutes to reach the second round on Wednesday.

The second-seeded Nadal, playing just his third tournament since Wimbledon due to a wrist injury, broke the qualifier's serve five times. The Spaniard, who struggled with appendicitis earlier this month in Shanghai, was never troubled by the 120th-ranked Herbert, who double-faulted 11 times.

Playing at the tournament for the first time in 10 years, Nadal did save two break points, including when he was serving for the match. He next plays either Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan or 17-year-old Croatian wild card entry Borna Coric on Wednesday.

Both won their first-round matches.

It was even easier for Federer, who broke Muller in the sixth game and wrapped up the first set in 25 minutes, winning 91 percent of his first-serve points.

The second set was even quicker as Federer — who has won the tournament

five times — totally dominated Muller, who failed to win a single point on Federer's serve, as the 17-time Grand Slam champion's ninth ace took him to match point.

Federer, who improved to 5-0 against Muller in career head-to-heads, next plays Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan

Canada or Donald Young of the United States.

Coric, ranked 124th, caused a big upset when he beat sixth-seeded Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 7-6 (2), 6-3.

Although the 13th-ranked Gulbis, this year's French Open semifinalist, had nine aces, he constantly felt the

a first-round scare against 17-year-old Alexander Zverev, before beating the German wild card entry 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in a hard-fought match featuring seven breaks of serve.

He next faces Canadian Vasek Pospisil.

Earlier, Golubev won 6-3, 6-3 against Teymuraz Gab-



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns a ball to Luxembourg's Gilles Muller during the Swiss Indoor tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, on Wednesday Oct. 22, 2014.

(AP Photo/Keystone, Georgios Kefalas)

and leads him 5-0 too. Belgium's David Goffin is also through to the quarters after beating Croatia's Ivan Dodig 7-6 (0), 6-4.

He next plays either fourth-seeded Milos Raonic of

pressure of Coric's excellent return.

He faced 14 break points in the match, dropping his serve three times.

Fifth-seeded Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria survived

ashvili of Russia.

Meanwhile, Istomin had 14 aces in a 6-1, 6-1 rout of Poland's Jerzy Janowicz, a renowned server who managed only two aces and lost his serve five times.

Kirk hopes for repeated success at McGladrey

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AP Golf Writer

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP) — Chris Kirk had a five-week break that featured no Ryder Cup and no complaints. Considering the Americans' ugly loss at Gleneagles and the resulting fallout, it was probably a good one to miss.

"It didn't look like a whole lot of fun over there, did it?" Kirk said with a smile. Kirk was left off the Ryder Cup team despite two victories, including a win at the Deutsche Bank Championship a day before U.S. captain Tom Watson announced his three picks. Kirk didn't argue with Watson's

choices in the weeks that followed. He figured it was his own fault for not qualifying. He'll have a fresh start Thursday at the McGladrey Classic, his first event of the new PGA Tour season.

Sea Island is where he began to establish himself a year ago when he closed with a 66 to win the tournament by one shot. Kirk was barely inside the top 100 in the world at the time. When the season ended, he had another victory, a runner-up finish in Honolulu and top-five results at the Memorial and the Tour Championship. He picked up a \$3 million bonus for finishing No. 2 in the FedEx Cup.

As much as the McGladrey Classic got him started, it was the second win that meant more. "Just proving that it wasn't a fluke to win," he said Wednesday. "Everybody wants to win out here, and a lot of guys are able to accomplish that. But I think the respect of your peers comes from being able to back it up time and time again." The McGladrey Classic, can feel like a working vacation, as the third event of the PGA Tour season is located in the idyllic Golden Isles off the Georgia coast. There is clearly a Georgia feel to this event, from tournament host Davis Love

III to a host of Sea Island neighbors that include Kirk, Matt Kuchar, Harris English and Zach Johnson. Winning in the fall can go a long way. A year ago, the six winners in October and November began the FedEx Cup playoffs in the top 20, and all but one of them — English — qualified for the Tour Championship. "Knowing you had that two-year exemption under your belt and right there at the top, or close, to the FedEx Cup standings, feeling you really just had a head start of everybody, yeah, it definitely takes a lot of pressure off you," Kirk said.

Personal Health: Hard Lesson in Sleep for Teenagers

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Within a week of my grandsons' first year in high school, getting enough sleep had already become an issue.

Their concerned mother questioned whether lights out at midnight or 1 a.m. and awakening at 7 or 7:30 a.m. to get to school on time provided enough sleep for 14-year-olds to navigate a demanding school day.

The boys, of course, said "yes," especially since they could "catch up" by sleeping late on weekends. But the professional literature on the sleep needs of adolescents says otherwise.

Few Americans these days get the hours of sleep optimal for their age, but experts agree that teenagers are more likely to fall short than anyone else.

Researchers report that the average adolescent needs 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 hours of sleep each night. But in a poll taken in 2006 by the National Sleep Foundation, fewer than 20 percent reported getting that much rest on school nights.

With the profusion of personal electronics, the current percentage is believed to be even worse. A study in Fairfax, Virginia, found that only 6 percent of children in the 10th grade and only 3 percent in the 12th grade get the recommended amount of sleep. Two in three teens were found to be severely

sleep-deprived, losing two or more hours of sleep every night. The causes can be biological, behavioral or environmental. And the effect on the well-being of adolescents - on their health and academic potential - can be profound,

lescence increases the risks of high blood pressure and heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and obesity, said Owens, pediatric sleep specialist at Children's National Health System in Washington. Sleeplessness is also linked to risk-taking

She recommends that parents make getting enough sleep a condition for permission to drive.

School start times don't help the situation. In a 2008 study in Virginia Beach, where classes began at 7:20 to 7:25 a.m., the crash

Insufficient sleep also impairs judgment, decision-making skills and the ability to curb impulses, which are "in a critical stage of development in adolescence," Owens said.

And with the current intense concern about raising academic achievement, it is worth noting that a study by Kyla Wahlstrom of 9,000 students in eight Minnesota public high schools showed that starting school a half-hour later resulted in an hour's more sleep a night and an increase in the students' grade-point averages and standardized test scores.

"When the students were more alert, they were able to get their work done faster and thus get to bed earlier," Owens said. "It takes a sleepy student five hours to do three hours of homework."

Sleep deprivation can also have a negative effect on mood. Inadequate sleep raises the risk of depression, and sleeping less than eight hours a night has been linked to a nearly threefold increased risk of suicide attempts, after other potential causes are accounted for. The risk of obesity is also increased by sleep deprivation. A study in 2002 estimated that for each hour of sleep lost, the odds of an adolescent's being obese rose by 80 percent.

Pediatricians, parents and schools need to pay much more attention to the sleep needs of adolescents than they now do. When children reach puberty, a shift in circadian rhythm makes it harder for them to fall asleep early enough to get the requisite number of hours and still make it to school on time.

A teenager's sleep-wake cycle can shift as much as two hours, making it difficult to fall asleep before 11 p.m. If school starts at 8 or 8:30 (and many start an hour earlier), it's not possible to get enough sleep. Based on biological sleep needs, a teenager who goes to sleep at 11 p.m. (ha!) should be getting up around 8 a.m.□



Adolescents who do not receive adequate rest have trouble keeping up in the classroom and are more vulnerable to other health problems. And catching up on sleep on the weekend won't help.
(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

according to a policy statement issued in August by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"Sleep is not optional. It's a health imperative, like eating, breathing and physical activity," Dr. Judith A. Owens, the statement's lead author, said in an interview. "This is a huge issue for adolescents."

Insufficient sleep in ado-

lescence increases the risks of high blood pressure and heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and obesity, said Owens, pediatric sleep specialist at Children's National Health System in Washington. Sleeplessness is also linked to risk-taking

behavior, depression and suicidal ideation, and car accidents. "Lack of sleep can be fatal," she said. "The level of impairment associated with sleep-deprived driving is equivalent to driving drunk. Would you let a kid drive who just consumed three or four beers? Well, guess what - kids do that every day."

rate for 16- to 18-year-olds was 41 percent higher than in adjacent Chesapeake, Virginia, where school started at 8:40 to 8:45. The lead author of the study, Dr. Robert Vorona of Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, suggested that starting the school day later could result in less sleep deprivation and more alert drivers.

Study: US diets still contain too many bad fats

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(HealthDay News) - Over the last three decades, Americans have cut their intake of artery-clogging saturated and trans fats -- but not enough, new research shows.

Meanwhile, consumption of healthy omega-3 fatty acids known as DHA and EPA -- plentiful in fatty fish like salmon -- has remained steady, though very low, the experts found.

"These trends are encouraging, but we still have room for improvement in

our diet," said Mary Ann Honors, a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Both saturated and trans fats increase heart disease risk, by mechanisms such as raising so-called "bad" cholesterol (LDL) and lowering "good" cholesterol (HDL), according to the American Heart Association (AHA).

Saturated fats are found in meats, full-fat dairy foods and some oils, such as coconut and palm, according to the AHA.

Trans fats are found in baked goods such as pizzas, cookies and pies, the AHA says. However, food makers have reformulated products in the last few years to reduce or eliminate trans fats. Effective in 2006, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration required trans fats to be listed on the nutrition label of foods.

Products can carry a label saying "no trans fats" if the item has less than 0.5 grams per serving, according to the FDA.

Honors and her colleagues

looked at six surveys done as part of the Minnesota Heart Survey from 1980 to 2009. The surveys polled more than 12,000 adults, aged 25 to 74, who lived in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

The investigators found that trans fat intake dropped by about one-third in men and women over the nearly 30-year study period.

However, men still ate about 1.9 percent of calories daily from trans fats and women ate about 1.7 percent.□



The iPad Air 2 is displayed for journalists at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif. Apple posted a new security warning for users of its iCloud online storage service this week amid reports of a concerted effort to steal passwords and other data from people who use the popular service in China.

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Security warning made for iCloud

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple has posted a new security warning for users of its iCloud online storage service this week amid reports of a concerted effort to steal passwords and other data from people who use the popular service in China.

"We're aware of intermittent organized network attacks using insecure certificates to obtain user information, and we take this very seriously," the computer-maker said in a post on its support website. The post said Apple's own servers have not been compromised.

Apple's post did not mention China or provide any details on the attacks. But several news outlets reported Tuesday that some Chinese Internet users have begun seeing warnings that indicate they had been diverted to an unauthorized website when they attempted to sign into their iCloud accounts. That kind of diversion, known to computer security experts as a "man in the middle" attack, could allow a third party to copy and steal the passwords that users enter when they think they are signing into Apple's service. Hackers could then use the passwords to collect other data from the users' accounts. Chinese activists blamed the attacks on that country's government, accord-

ing to news reports and the Chinese activist website GreatFire.org, which suggested the campaign was spurred by the fact that Apple recently began selling its newest iPhone models, the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, in China. The new smartphones have software with enhanced encryption features to protect Apple users' data.

Apple, which is based in Cupertino, California, said in its post that the attacks have not affected users who sign into iCloud from their iPhones or iPads, or on Mac computers while using the latest Mac operating system and Apple's Safari browser. But the company suggested users should verify they are connecting to a legitimate iCloud server by using the security features built into Safari and other browsers such as Firefox and Google's Chrome. The browsers will show a message that warns users when they are connecting to a site that doesn't have a digital certificate verifying that it is authentic.

"If users get an invalid certificate warning in their browser while visiting www.icloud.com, they should pay attention to the warning and not proceed," Apple said in the post.

The attacks appear unrelated to an episode last month in which hackers stole nude photos from the iCloud accounts of several U.S. celebrities. □

Samsung seeks boost from redesigned Note

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

The latest version of Samsung's popular big-screen Galaxy Note has gone on sale at a crucial time for the South Korean company as it suffers a rapid decline in profit from its global smartphone business.

With the Note 4 launch in the U.S. last week, Samsung introduced one of the biggest design changes to the Note series since it started sales three years ago, ditching plastic in favor of metal for its frame.

The choice is not a result of a change in the company's design policy, but a product of what Samsung does well: identifying the consumer trend and improving upon it. Yet it's unclear if that's enough to stanch sliding sales as the holiday shopping period nears.

By the end of 2013, Samsung had sold at least 48 million Galaxy Notes. The company would not reveal more recent sales figures. Even though reviews

product but response to the iPhone 6 Plus has been good. "

Samsung estimated earlier this month that its July-September quarterly profit shrank to 4.1 trillion won (\$3.8 billion), a 60 percent plunge from record-high 10.2 trillion won a year earlier. Samsung is scheduled to disclose earnings for business divisions later this month and analysts believe profit from its mobile business plunged to about one third of its level a year earlier.

Samsung's first Note in 2011 is credited with making big-screen smartphones popular, especially in Asia, but the "phablet" market has become crowded with rival models since then. The Note 4 with its 5.7-inch screen faces competition not only from the new iPhone 6 series, but also from Chinese handset makers.

Samsung is also under pressure to make amends for design missteps in the Galaxy S5 smartphone that led to the departure of its de-

sign team chief. Samsung designers and developers said the opinions of consumers and their demands drove the design changes from plastic to metal and guided the direction of the technology behind the S Pen, as the Note's stylus is known.

"Giving the values that consumers want is important. I don't think simply making smartphones beautiful is important," said Kim Nam-su, a senior designer at Samsung's mobile design team.

The Note 4's metal frame is coated in the same color as the rest of the phone's body, except for the polished, chamfered edge. The painted frame gives a sense of unity but also prevents users from leaving fingerprint marks, one of the main complaints about the Note 3's glossy frame made of polycarbonate, a type of plastic. Though the Note 4 still uses plastic for the back cover, Samsung gave subtle, tactile patterns to imitate leather.

The Note 4's adoption of a metal frame is a first for Samsung's top-of-the-line smartphone and may foreshadow changes in its future flagship mobile devices. The Galaxy Alpha used metal a little earlier but its phone power falls short of the Note 4. Many other high-end smartphones such as iPhones have used



A visitor tries out a Samsung Electronics Co.'s Galaxy Note 4 smartphone during the 2014 Korea Electronics Show in Goyang, South Korea. The Galaxy Note 4 went on sales in the U.S. last week at a crucial time for Samsung Electronics Co., the world's largest smartphone maker.

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

for the Galaxy Note 4 have been favorable, analysts said its redesign may not be enough as Apple Inc. has entered the large-screen smartphone category with the iPhone 6 Plus. "It will not be easy," said Lee Sei-chul, an analyst at Woori Investment & Securities. The Note 4 "is a nice

sign team chief.

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"Giving the values that

metal for a few years.

Critics have long complained the plastic body of Samsung phones makes them look cheap for the price, which is higher than \$600. Some reviewers compared the dimpled plastic back cover of the gold version of the Galaxy S5 to a band aid. □

Slide in energy sector drags Wall Street lower

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell broadly on Wednesday, snapping a four-day winning streak for the Standard & Poor's 500 index, as investors shaken by recent swings in the market sold some of their holdings.

A slide in the price of oil dragged down energy stocks. Eight of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 fell, led by a 1.7 percent drop in energy. Small-company stocks also fell as traders unloaded riskier assets.

"The market is still nervous," said John Manley, chief equity strategist at Wells Fargo Funds Management.

"The extreme volatility of the last few weeks is on our minds."

The drop in the S&P 500 came a day after the index's biggest gain this year. Stocks were higher most of the morning on hopes that the European Central Bank would add to its stimulus program as well as news that U.S. inflation remained low last month. A batch of good earnings reports from U.S. companies also helped.

Those gains vanished in the afternoon as the price of crude oil began to drop. Traders have worried about a steady decline in oil as global demand for energy recedes.

"The market is taking a bit of breather," shrugged TD Ameritrade Chief Strategist JJ Kinahan. "People are reassessing what their expectations should be for the rest of the earnings sea-

The losses were mitigated by a batch of generally positive third-quarter earnings reports, which suggested that corporate profits were still growing at a healthy clip. Yahoo

TD Ameritrade's Kinahan suggested investors may have pushed up the Vix in reaction to news of a gunman killing a soldier outside a war memorial in Canada earlier in the day. But he



Trader Gordon Charlop, left, and specialist Neil Gallagher work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014. Stocks fell broadly on Wednesday, snapping a four-day winning streak for the Standard & Poor's 500 index, as investors shaken by recent swings in the market sold some of their holdings.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

son."

The S&P 500 dropped 14.17 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,927.11. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 153.49 points, or 0.9 percent, to 16,461.32. The Nasdaq composite fell 36.63 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,382.85.

jumped 5 percent after reporting blowout earnings. The closely watched Vix index, a gauge of expected swings in stock prices, surged nearly two points to 18. That is above the recent average of 15, but far below last week's high of 30.

was doubtful the shooting impacted the overall market much.

A big question hanging over stocks is just how good can corporate earnings get as Europe inches closer to recession and China slows.

Staples is latest retailer hackers have breached

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In the latest hacking of U.S. retailers and restaurants, Staples said this week that its computer systems were compromised in an intrusion involving customers' credit and debit card information.

Staples, the office supplier based in Framingham, Massachusetts, said it was working with law enforcement agencies to determine the extent of the problem. The company did not say when the attack occurred or in which stores, or how many payment cards might have been affected.

"We take the protection of customer information very seriously and are working to resolve the situation," Mark Cautela, a Staples spokesman, said in a statement.

This month, Sears Holdings Corp. reported a data breach at its Kmart stores. Other recent breaches at retailers have affected Target, Supervalu, Home Depot, Sally Beauty Supply, Neiman Marcus, United Parcel Service, Michaels Stores and Albertsons, as well as the food chains Dairy Queen and P.F. Chang's. Each company had its in-store payment systems compromised by malware over the past year.

The Secret Service estimated this summer that 1,000 U.S. merchants have been affected by this kind of attack, and that many of them might not even know that they were breached, particularly because the malware the criminals used was specifically created to evade standard antivirus defenses. There have been no arrests.

In each case, criminals scanned for tools that typically allow employees and vendors to work remotely, then used those tools to install malware on retailers' systems. That malware, in turn, fed back customers' payment details to the hackers' computer servers.

Google invests in augmented reality firm Magic Leap

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Google is making a big bet on augmented reality, leading a \$542 million investment in a shadowy startup called Magic Leap, based in Dania Beach, Florida.

The investment, one of the largest ever made by Google, values Magic Leap at about \$2 billion, according to people briefed on the matter but not authorized to discuss the deal publicly.

Other investors in the round include Qualcomm Ventures, Legendary Entertainment, the private equity firm KKR, Vulcan Capital, Kleiner Perkins Caufield &

Byers, Andreessen Horowitz and Obvious Ventures.

Google's role as the lead investor is significant. Just seven months ago, Facebook stunned Silicon Valley with the \$2 billion acquisition of Oculus, a virtual reality company.

Although the social network's interest in the maker of a virtual reality headset was a surprise to many, Facebook believes that Oculus can be a new sort of operating system as people continue to find new ways to interact with computers.

Google views Magic Leap in much the same way, according to people briefed on the company's thinking.

As people become more comfortable with wearable technology, technologies like Magic Leap - which superimposes animated digital imagery over what someone sees with the naked eye - is likely to become more commonplace.

Already, Google makes a similar technology on its own, with Google Glass. Though nascent, Google Glass has attracted enthusiastic early adopters, who use the glasses - which have small computer displays embedded in the lenses - to do simple tasks like search the internet, take photos and send messages.

Magic Leap, however, has

broader ambitions.

On its website, the little known company outlines an ambitious vision for displaying rich interactive graphics alongside what people see naturally, using what it calls a dynamic digitized lightfield signal.

"Magic Leap is an eclectic group of visionaries, rocket scientists, wizards, and gurus from the fields of film, robotics, visualization, software, computing, and user experience," the company says on its website.

As part of the deal, Sundar Pichai, Google's senior vice president of Android, Chrome and Apps, will join the Magic Leap board.

Norfolk Southern CEO says rail mergers won't work

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Norfolk Southern Corp.'s CEO doesn't think railroad mergers are a good idea even if regulators might approve one.

CEO Wick Moorman said Wednesday during a conference call on Norfolk's Southern's quarterly results that he doesn't think railroad mergers "make sense at this time." The idea of a rail merger has been on

investors' minds lately because Canadian Pacific approached CSX about a possible deal. CP CEO Hunter Harrison said Tuesday that talks fell apart after several meetings because they couldn't agree on key issues.

CP also considered approaching Norfolk Southern, but opted not to after deciding CSX was a better fit. Harrison said he thinks a well-structured, well-done rail merger could be lucra-

tive for investors and the railroads, and it could ease congestion around the rail bottleneck of Chicago if the merger diverted traffic around that problem area. But Moorman disagrees about the potential benefits of a rail merger.

"Putting these big companies together is very difficult, and at least historically, has led to significant service problems for some period of time," he said.

Moorman said there's also

less of a financial incentive for mergers because there aren't many redundant routes or facilities.

Moorman also said regulators could eliminate any benefits to a merger by imposing restrictions.

"I think that a major railroad merger is not a good idea. It's highly problematic," Moorman said.

Those comments seem to spell the end of a possible merger for Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. right now

because Harrison said CSX, Norfolk Southern or Kansas City Southern made the most sense as potential partners. Harrison said Tuesday that a deal with Kansas City Southern is unlikely because that railroad's stock is expensive. The other major North American railroads are BNSF, Union Pacific and Canadian National.

Norfolk Southern Corp. operates 20,000 miles of track in 22 eastern states and the District of Columbia. □

Total acts swiftly to replace CEO killed in crash

PARIS (AP) — French oil giant Total SA has named Patrick Pouyanne as chief executive to replace Christophe de Margerie, who was killed earlier this week in a plane crash in Moscow.

Barely 36 hours after de Margerie's death, Total's board chose Pouyanne, 51, at a board meeting Wednesday.

The swift appointment indicates the board's desire to limit the uncertainty on one of France's biggest companies. In its statement, Total's board hailed De Margerie's "exceptional human and professional qualities."

Pouyanne has led Total's refining and chemicals division since 2012. He has been with Total since 1997, starting off as head of exploration and production in Angola.

The quick succession re-



In this photo, Patrick Pouyanne, president of Total Refining & Chemicals division, is pictured during a visit at the Total refinery in Anvers, Belgium. French oil giant Total SA says it's named Patrick Pouyanne as chief executive after the shocking death in a plane accident of former CEO Christophe de Margerie on Monday.

(AP Photo/MYOP, Ed Alcock)

called similarly prompt executive replacements following tragic accidents

at Fortune 500 companies McDonalds Corp. in 2004 and Micron Technology

Inc. in 2012.

Total said Thierry Desmarrest, who was chief execu-

tive from 1995 to 2007 and honorary president of the board of directors since 2010, would become chairman of the company until the end of 2015.

Pouyanne will combine the roles of CEO and board president after that.

Pouyanne is a graduate of two of France's top engineering schools, Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole des Mines.

He's been a member of Total's 28-member management committee since May, 2006, and joined the seven-member executive committee in 2012.

De Margie was killed when his Dassault Falcon 50 business jet clipped a snowplow on takeoff late Monday at Vnukovo Airport in Moscow.

The accident also killed three French crew members on board. Investigators are questioning the snowplow's drive. □

Johnson & Johnson plans Ebola vaccine testing

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP)

— Johnson & Johnson will begin safety testing in early January on a vaccine combination that could protect people from a strain of the deadly Ebola virus.

The health care products maker said Wednesday that the vaccine being developed by its Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies protects against an Ebola strain that is "highly similar" to the virus that has triggered the current outbreak in West Africa. Johnson & Johnson also plans

to test whether its vaccine protects against the version causing the outbreak, which has killed more than 4,500 people.

The New Brunswick, New Jersey, company has committed up to \$200 million to speed up and expand production of the vaccine program.

Johnson & Johnson is developing the vaccine with the Danish biotech company Bavarian Nordic. It involves a regimen in which two vaccines are delivered two months apart. The combi-

nation provided complete protection in animals.

There are no proven drugs or vaccines for Ebola, a disease so rare that it's been hard to attract investments in countermeasures. The current outbreak has struck mostly in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone since it emerged 10 months ago.

Several drugmakers are racing to conduct clinical trials of potential vaccines on humans. The World Health Organization is helping coordinate trials of two other experimental vac-

cines. It hopes to start testing as early as January on more than 20,000 front-line health care workers and others in West Africa.

That testing will go forward only if the vaccines prove safe and trigger an adequate immune-system response in volunteers during clinical trials that are either underway or planned in Europe, Africa and the United States.

One of those vaccines is being developed by the U.S. National Institutes of Health and British drugmak-

er GlaxoSmithKline from a modified chimpanzee cold virus and an Ebola protein. It is in clinical trials now in Britain and in Mali. The other was developed by the Public Health Agency of Canada and sent to the U.S. Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Maryland for testing on healthy volunteers.

Shares of Johnson & Johnson climbed \$1.34 to \$101.70 Wednesday before markets opened and after the company announced the vaccine update. □

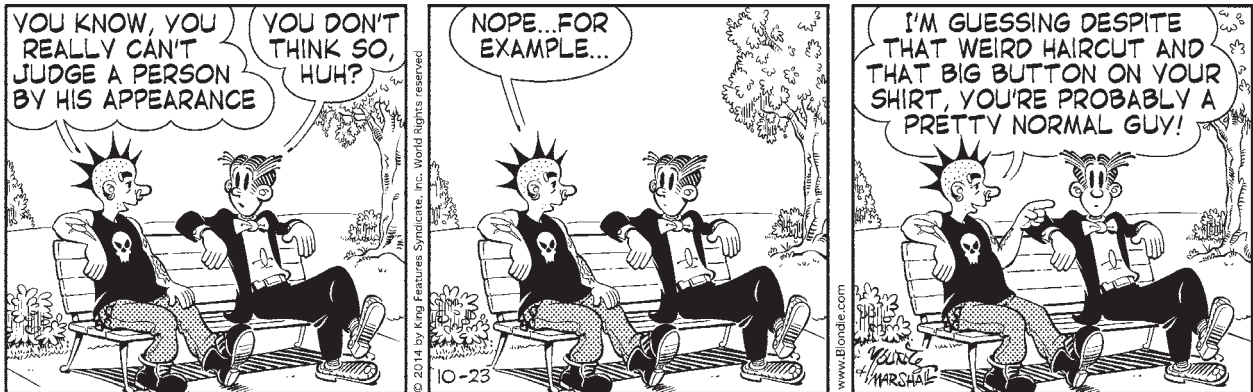
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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ACROSS

- 1 Dairy animal
4 Zeal
9 Coffee holders
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15 Actress Keaton
16 Resting on
17 Tearful request
18 Makes eyes at
19 Back of the neck
20 Thinnest
22 Use the molar
23 ___back; relaxed
24 Wonderment
26 Ice cream cone toppers
29 Something that spurs you on
34 Sixty-minute periods
35 Tahoe and Titicaca
36 Bullfight shout
37 ___ up; misbehaves
38 Shy and fearful
39 Dermatologist's concern
40 Pigeon's sound
41 Ladies
42 ___ park; Disney World, e.g.
43 Leaping animal of Australia
45 Bathroom feature
46 Miner's find
47 Summon with a beeper
48 Insincerely smooth
51 Athens tourist attraction
56 "___ Out the Barrel"
57 Throw water on
58 "That ___ it!"; cry of disgust
60 Up to the task
61 Command
62 Celebrity
63 Finest
64 Tall marsh grasses
65 Beast of burden

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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2 Hooting birds
3 Seven days
4 Very handsome young man
5 Stiff
6 Roy Rogers and ___ Evans
7 Dollar bills
8 Said again
9 Call off
10 "Beehive State"
11 Vatican leader
12 Gush forth
14 Navy personnel
21 Takes a rest
25 "...gave proof through the night that our flag ___ still..."
26 Hut
27 Warm drink
28 Go ___ a limb
29 Carved gem
30 Related
31 Local ___; small town resident
32 Snail's trail

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Swiss group sorry for Hitler cream labels

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PARIS - The labels of Swiss mini-cream containers tend toward the pastoral and cuddly, with pleasant images of Alpine landscapes and locomotives, or dogs and cats. So it was something of a shock to one consumer at a Swiss train station to find the face of Adolf Hitler staring back at him when he reached to lighten his morning coffee. Migros, a Swiss retail giant, said it did not know exactly how the image came to be on the label. But it offered its apologies Wednesday for the "unforgivable incident," and withdrew about 2,000 containers, some of which also featured the face of Benito Mussolini,

from about 100 cafes in the German-speaking part of Switzerland.

Tristan Cerf, a spokesman for Migros, said by telephone from Lausanne on Wednesday that the company had been horrified by the failure of its internal controls to detect the images on its cream containers.

He said the problem had come to Migros' attention after a customer drinking coffee at the Baden train station was startled by the discovery and sent a photo of the label to the newspaper 20 Minutes.

In coffee-loving Switzerland, labels from the mini-cream containers are cult collectibles, and producers often seek new and inven-

tive ways to enhance their appeal.

Cerf said the mishap occurred when an outside company asked ELSA, a dairy manufacturer that is one of Migros' subsidiaries, to supply a series of 55 coffee cream containers based on vintage cigar labels, two of which featured the dictators.

He said the outside company had provided the controversial designs, and that ELSA typically produced plastic creamers with charming and innocuous images - not fascists.

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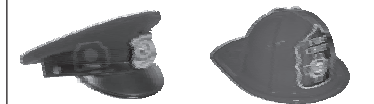
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3rd spacewalk in 3 weeks at space station

MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida

(AP) — Spacewalking astronauts doubled as trash men Wednesday, heaving an old science experiment and two antennas overboard at the International Space Station.

It was the third spacewalk in as many weeks outside the orbiting lab. This time, it was on the Russian side of the house and went so well that it wrapped up more than two hours early.

Russian spaceman Alexander Samokutyaev used his left gloved hand to shove the antennas away one by one, five minutes apart. He paused dramatically before letting the second one loose, for a better camera view.

The dish antennas — up to 2.5 feet (0.7 meters) long — resembled white umbrellas. The first one spun as it drifted away.

"It looks like it's going to rain: Antennas are flying low," someone said in Russian.

A couple of hours earlier, spacewalker Maxim Suraev released a seismic

experiment, essentially a panel stretching 6 feet (1.8 meters) long and 4.5 feet (1.4 meters) across.

"Three cheers," someone noted in Russian. "This is an event of some note."

The panel, shining yellow in the station spotlights, slowly



This frame grab image from a live NASA feed shows Russian astronauts Maxim Suraev and Alexander Samokutyaev during a spacewalk outside the International Space Station on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014. The astronauts are performing maintenance, removing two antennas that are no longer needed, inspecting the outside of the Russian segment, collecting samples from windows and elsewhere to check for engine exhaust and other materials. (AP Photo/NASA)

spun in circles as it tumbled away into the blackness 260 miles (418 kilometers) up. The experiment was launched in 2011 to monitor earthquakes and had completed its job. The

antennas were launched in 2009 aboard a Russian mini-research module; they were determined to be in the way of future spacewalkers.

NASA's Mission Control in Houston said analyses were conducted to ensure the

the atmosphere.

The Russian Space Agency, unlike NASA, routinely gets rid of old equipment by setting it loose in orbit.

The spacewalkers joked and chuckled as they worked to remove the antennas from the station's hull. As Samokutyaev repeatedly opened and closed his cable cutters, Suraev observed, "Don't cut my finger off."

"No, I think I will not do that. It's just too far away to walk to the station," Samokutyaev replied.

A hard rubber washer almost got away from Samokutyaev, but he managed to catch it. He was urged to keep it as a good luck charm.

Their garbage work completed early, the spacewalkers turned their attention to inspection. They collected samples from windows and elsewhere outside the Russian segment to check for engine exhaust and other materials.

The pair wrapped everything up in 3½ hours, versus the originally allotted six hours. □

SCIENCE BRIEFS

Americans to be treated to partial eclipse Thursday

MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida

(AP) — North Americans, get set for the fourth and final eclipse of the year.

On Thursday, most of North America will have prime viewing of a partial solar eclipse. The new moon will hide part of the sun from view. The eclipse will unfold slowly following its start near the Kamchatka Peninsula in far eastern Russia. The best views will be in the U.S. Northwest and northern Canada, especially Prince of Wales Island. New England and the Canadian Maritime provinces will miss out. In the eastern half of the U.S., the eclipse will occur near sunset. Sky gazers are urged to protect their eyes with special filtered glasses. Regular sunglasses are not good enough. This makes for two solar and two lunar eclipses this year.

Strong solar flare knocks out some radio temporarily

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. government forecasters say a brief but strong solar flare Wednesday morning temporarily blacked out a few radio communication systems before weakening. Space Weather Prediction Center forecaster Christopher Balch said it affected radio that uses part of the upper atmosphere. That includes some radar and plane systems, but not all, and amateur radio. The storm came from a large group of sunspots and hit Earth between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. EDT (1400-1500GMT). Balch said the storm briefly was rated as strong for affecting Earth radio systems but then dropped to minor levels. He said so far forecasters see no high-energy particles coming from the flare. That means other effects are not expected, such as changes in the colorful northern lights, or harm to the electrical grid or satellites. □

Jerusalem:

Stone may answer Jewish revolt questions

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli archaeologists said Tuesday they have discovered a large stone with Latin engravings that lends credence to the theory that the reason Jews revolted against Roman rule nearly 2,000 ago was because of their harsh treatment.

Israel's Antiquities Authority said the stone bears the name of the Roman emperor Hadrian and the year of his visit to Jerusa-

lem, a few years before the failed Bar Kochba revolt in the second century A.D. The inscription backs up historical accounts that Rome's Tenth Legion was present in Jerusalem in the run-up to the revolt.

The cause of the Jewish revolt, which resulted in their exile, is disputed. It is unclear whether they rose up independently or were provoked by harsh Roman measures, but the pres-



Shmulik Freireich, an Israel Antiquities Authority conservationist works on a commemorative inscription in stone dedicated to the Emperor Hadrian that was found outside Jerusalem's Old City, at the Rockefeller museum in Jerusalem, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014. (AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

ence of the legion would give credence to the latter. Hadrian is reviled in Jewish history for imposing dictates aimed at persecuting Jews and forcing them to abandon their religion. Along with Jewish accounts, the history

of the Bar Kochba revolt is also known from the works of Roman historian Cassius Dio, who mentions that Hadrian visited Jerusalem in 129 A.D., three years before the revolt erupted. The stone was found outside Jerusalem's Old City. □



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Shatner and Star Trek director to meet about role

LAURI NEFF

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — “Star Trek” may be the next frontier for William Shatner — again.

Shatner, who played the original James T. Kirk, says he’s meeting soon with Roberto Orci, who’s directing “Star Trek 3,” to discuss reprising his Kirk in the rebooted franchise.

“I had a talk with him the other day,” says Shatner. “So there’s talk — simply talk — about the next movie.” Shatner has said J.J. Abrams, who produced and directed the 2009 “Star Trek” film and 2013 sequel, recently called to say Orci had an idea about how Shatner might be in the next film of the new franchise, which stars Chris Pine as Capt. Kirk.

Shatner says he would do the movie if it’s a meaningful part, “a role that had something to do with the turning of the plot.” Still, the 83-year-old actor says he’s not sure how they’d bring him back now — 20 years after his character was killed off in “Star Trek: Generations.”

“That was so long ago. How do they bring me back physically like this? I don’t know,” he says.

Shatner isn’t waiting around to find out. He stars in and produces the home renovation series “The Shatner Project,” which premieres on the DIY Network on Thursday (10 p.m. EDT). The six-episode series follows Shatner and his wife, Elizabeth, as they revamp the Southern California home he bought 50 years ago.

He says allowing cameras into their home was a “terrible” experience, but he’s happy with the result.

Shatner is also designing a motorcycle, a clothing line, a new kind of comic book, continuing his priceline.com ads and his “Brown Bag Wine Tasting” webisodes — and has three films due out.

Ask him about retirement and he says, “What does retiring mean?”

Cooper dishes on upcoming ‘Elephant Man’ role



In this March, 2014 photo, Bradley Cooper arrives at the Oscars in Los Angeles. Cooper will star in the Broadway revival of “The Elephant Man,” 14-week run opening on December 7 at the Booth Theater with previews starting on November 7.

(Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP)

JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Bradley Cooper will contort his limbs into uncomfortable positions for eight shows a week when he begins his run in the Broadway revival of “The Elephant Man.” That means he’ll need to

take extra care of his body to stay limber.

“I have an inversion table. That’s a new thing, it goes like that,” Cooper said while using hand motions to show the up and down tilting of his body on the table. He’ll use it twice a day and have a chiropractor

nearby.

The play by Bernard Pomerance, which premiered at the Booth Theatre in 1979, shows some two dozen snapshots in the life of the grotesque Joseph Merrick, tracing his journey from an abused circus freak to a curiosity of London’s high

society. Cooper won’t use prosthetics, opting instead to imply disfigurement through facial expression and twisted posture.

Cooper, an Academy Award nominee, already knows the physical demands of portraying the character onstage from a short run at the Williamstown Theatre Festival in 2012.

“I got to research the real guy and I just fell in love with who he was a human being, as a man,” Cooper said. “It’s been a wonderful, eye-opening experience into that world of the late 1800s in London and Leicester and what he went through.”

Cooper became fascinated by Merrick’s life after seeing the 1980 film version by David Lynch, which he cites as the catalyst for wanting to pursue a career in acting.

But he wasn’t acquainted with the stage production until much later, when he was studying at the Actors Studio Drama School in New York. □

Kenny G’s Hong Kong visit out of tune with China

KELVIN CHAN

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Smooth jazz star Kenny G stopped in at Hong Kong’s pro-democracy protests on Wednesday, but his visit was out of tune with Chinese authorities, who have warned about meddling by foreign forces.

The American musician tweeted about his visit to the semiautonomous southern Chinese city, where thousands of student-led protesters have occupied streets for more than three weeks to press their demands for greater democratic reforms.

“In Hong Kong at the sight of the demonstration. I wish everyone a peaceful and positive conclusion to this situation,” he wrote.

Photos had circulated earlier on social media of the star by himself and with protesters at the main protest zone. The American musician’s laidback so-



Kenny G, smooth jazz saxophonist, performs during a media event announcing his concert, in Taipei, Taiwan. Kenny G stopped in at Hong Kong’s pro-democracy protests on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, but his visit was out of tune with Chinese authorities, who have warned about meddling by foreign forces.

(AP Photo/Chiang Ying-ying)

prano sax tunes are wildly popular in China, especially his song “Going Home,” which can be heard at train stations, department stores, airports, hotel lobbies and over loudspeakers in public parks, and is often

used as a signal for people to clear out. He completed a four-concert tour of the country in September. When asked about the appearance, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying paused and not-

ed Kenny G’s popularity — and then warned foreigners not to get involved.

“I think Kenny G’s music is popular in China, though regarding the illegal protest in Hong Kong, the Chinese government has a clear position. We think that is an illegal campaign,” Hua said.

“We support the government of Hong Kong to handle it in accordance with the law to maintain stability in Hong Kong. Thus we hope all foreign countries and individuals could be discreet in words and deeds and not support the illegal protest in any forms,” she said.

Beijing has warned repeatedly that unspecified foreign forces are influencing the protesters in Hong Kong, without spelling out who exactly is involved. Hong Kong’s Beijing-backed leader, Leung Chun-ying, has also recently taken up the claims. □

Taylor Swift's new direction may be lost in translation

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One of the few certainties in the music business these days is that if Taylor Swift puts out a new album, it will sell by the truckload.

Her last two records, "Red" and "Speak Now," each sold more than 1 million copies in its first week out, an increasingly rare feat as music sales weaken, and listening habits shift to on-line streaming services like Spotify and YouTube. Two years ago, "Red" started with 1.2 million sales, the biggest opening in a decade and the last time that any album has crossed the million mark in one week.

But the fate of Swift's newest release, "1989," which comes out Monday, has been the subject of nervous speculation in the industry for months, given not only the poor sales climate overall but also Swift's decision to break from country radio, a vital source of support since the beginning of her career.

This year, no new title has cracked the 1-million-sales mark - a symbolic milestone - and album sales overall are down 14 percent from the same period last year. According to Billboard magazine, "1989" is projected to sell at least 800,000 copies in its debut week.

In August, Swift, who was born in 1989, announced



Taylor Swift arrives at the MTV Video Music Awards at The Forum in Inglewood, Calif. The fate of Swift's newest release, "1989," which comes out Monday, has been the subject of nervous speculation in the industry for months.

(Photo by Matt Sayles/Invision/AP)

the release of "1989" through a fan gathering at the Empire State Building that was streamed live by Yahoo, the first volley in a steady and aggressive marketing campaign. She called the release her "very first documented, official pop album."

It was the culmination of a

long transition in her music toward pop and came as little surprise to her fans or the industry at large. But the break with country was definitive. The first single, "Shake It Off," was a hit on Top 40 radio and went straight to No. 1, yet it was largely ignored by country programmers. Although

Swift's record company, Big Machine, had sent country stations special remixes of some of her earlier pop-leaning songs, no such effort was made with "Shake It Off."

"A lot of folks wished that she would have done some songs that would be more compatible with country radio, but she hasn't," said Joel Raab, a longtime consultant to country radio stations.

In the small world that is the Nashville music business, little outright negativity about Swift has been voiced publicly. A more prevailing sentiment is wistful pride.

"Taylor is one of us, one of our children," said Mark Razz, the music director at WXTU-FM, a country station in Philadelphia. "You're there for them along the way, and then they need to go to what they are going to do. She's gotten to where she is through country music, and if she goes on to be the next pop sensation around the world, we are behind her 100 percent."

Less support from country stations - now the most popular music format on radio - may hurt Swift's sales. But her marketing campaign is intended to promote her as widely as possible, through brand ties and a barrage on social media. Her Diet Coke com-

mercial, for example, ends with a pitch for the album, and on Tuesday, Swift introduced a new song, "Style," through a Target ad. Her Instagram feed has been a constant drumbeat of lyrics, images and hints related to the album.

The biggest hurdle for the success of "1989" may simply be the slumping world of music retail, with downloads now joining CDs as a declining format. Spotify and other streaming services, while growing in popularity, are not tracked in the same way as sales, and so far, the revenue those outlets generate has not made up for the drop in the number of albums sold.

Even if "1989" sells only 800,000 copies in its first week, that would more than double the next-biggest showing of the year, when Coldplay sold 383,000 copies of "Ghost Stories" in May. Big albums are expected later this year by One Direction, Lil Wayne and Kendrick Lamar, but Swift's release is expected to be the most popular by far.

"It's just very difficult to convince people to buy music," said Keith Caulfield, an associate director of charts at Billboard. But if anyone can exceed expectations, Caulfield said, it is Swift.

"Forecasts are forecasts," he added. "The weather changes."



This is a an undated family handout photo of Raphael Ravenscroft, the musician behind one of the most recognizable saxophone solos - on Gerry Rafferty's hit Baker Street. Ravenscroft's family said he died Sunday Oct 19, 2014 at a hospital in Exeter, southwest England. Ravenscroft was 60.

(AP Photo/Roy Anderson/Family, PA)

Raphael Ravenscroft, Sax player of 'Baker Street' solo dies at 60

LONDON (AP) — Musician Raphael Ravenscroft, who played one of the most famous saxophone solos of all time on Gerry Rafferty's "Baker Street," has died. He was 60.

Ravenscroft's family says he died Sunday after being taken to a hospital near his home in Exeter, southwest England. The BBC said a heart attack was the suspected cause of death.

The bluesy eight-bar sax riff helped make "Baker Street" a soft-rock hit. It reached No. 3 in Britain

and No. 2 in the U.S. in 1978, and still receives considerable airplay.

But in a 2011 radio interview, Ravenscroft said "Baker Street" irritated him — because his solo was flat. Ravenscroft received a flat fee — often reported to be 27 pounds (around \$43 today) — for his work on the song, which made Rafferty a fortune. But the hit kick-started Ravenscroft's career, and he went on to work with big names including Pink Floyd, ABBA and Marvin Gaye.

In 1979 he released a solo album, "Her Father Didn't Like Me Anyway."

He also wrote a successful instruction manual, "The Complete Saxophone Player."

His daughter, artist Scarlett Raven, told the BBC her father was actually "very proud of 'Baker Street' and that it made people feel good."

"I'm sure a lot of people will put on 'Baker Street' and smile today," she said.

Funeral details weren't immediately available.

The Quality of Fear



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There's been a lot of tutting-tutting about the people who are overreacting to the Ebola virus. There was the lady who showed up at the airport in a homemade hazmat suit. There were the hundreds of parents in Mississippi who pulled their kids from school because the principal had traveled to Zambia, a country in southern Africa untouched by the Ebola outbreak in the Western region of the continent. There was the school district in Ohio that closed a middle school and an elementary school because an employee might have flown on the same plane (not even the same flight) as an Ebola-infected health care worker.

The critics point out that these people are behaving hysterically, all out of proportion to the scientific risks, which, of course, is true. But the critics misunderstand what's going on here. Fear isn't only a function of risk; it's a function of isolation. We live in a society almost perfectly suited for contagions of hysteria and overreaction.

In the first place, we're living in a segmented society. Over the past few decades we've seen a pervasive increase in the gaps between different social classes. People are much less likely to marry across social class, or to join a club and befriend people across social class.

That means there are many more people who feel completely alienated from the leadership class of this country, whether it's the political, cultural or scientific leadership. They don't know people in authority. They perceive a vast status gap between themselves and people in authority. They may harbor feelings of intellectual inferiority toward people in authority. It becomes easy to wave away the whole lot of them, and that distrust isolates them further. "What loneliness is more lonely than distrust," George Eliot writes in "Middlemarch."

So you get the rise of the anti-vaccine parents, who simply distrust the cloud of experts telling them that vaccines are safe for their children. You get the rise of the anti-science folks, who distrust the realm of far-off studies and prefer anecdotes from friends to data about populations. You get more and more people who simply do not believe what the establishment is telling them about the Ebola virus, especially since the establishment doesn't seem particularly competent anyway.

Second, you've got a large group of people who are bone-deep suspicious of globalization, what it does to their jobs and their communities. Along comes Ebola, which is the perfect biological embodiment of what many fear about globalization. It is a dark insidious force from a mysterious place far away that seems to be able to spread uncontrollably and get into the intimate spheres of life back home.

Third, you've got the culture of instant news. It's a weird phenomenon of the media age that, except in extreme circumstances, it is a lot scarier to follow an event on TV than it is to actually be there covering it. When you're watching on TV, you only see the death and mayhem. But when you're actually there, you see the broader context of everyday life going on alongside. Studies of the Boston Marathon bombing found that people who consumed a lot of news media during the first week suffered more stress than people who were actually there.

Fourth, you've got our culture's tendency to distance itself from death. Philip Roth once wrote: "In every calm and reasonable person there is a hidden second person scared witless about death." In cultures where death is more present, or at least dealt with more commonly, people are more familiar with that second person, and people can think a bit more clearly about risks of death in any given moment.

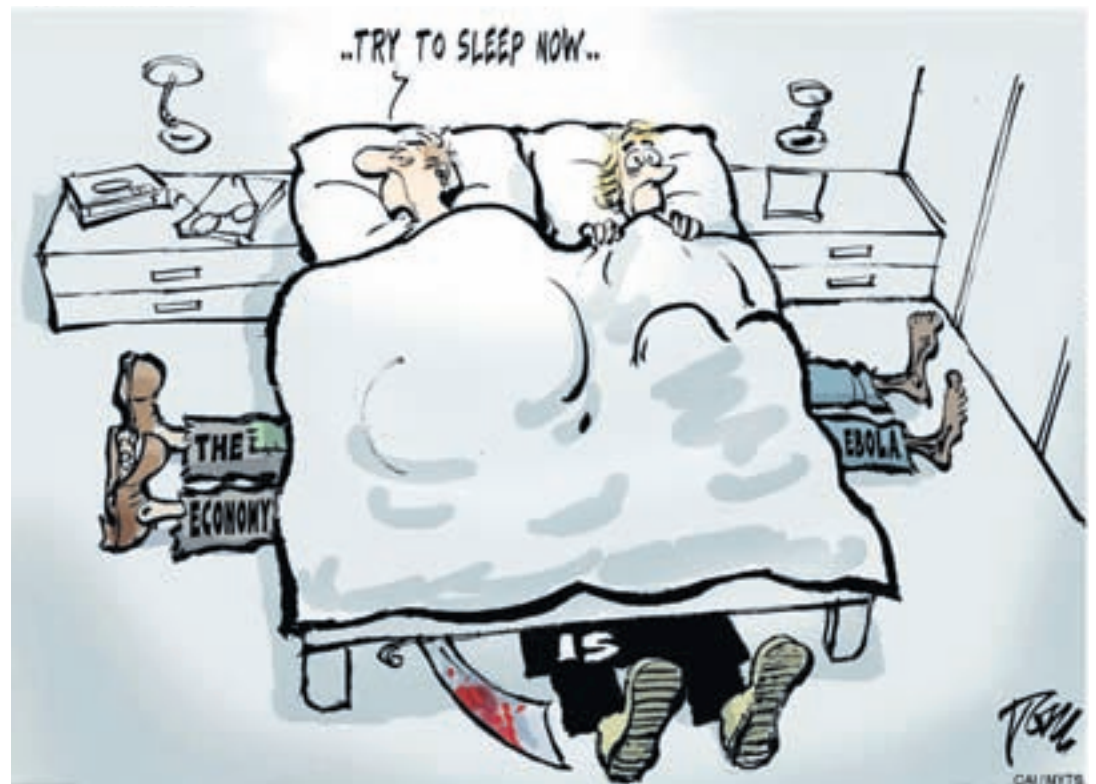
In cultures where people deal with death by simply getting it out of their minds, the prospect of sudden savage death, even if extremely unlikely, can arouse a mental fog of fear, and an unmoored and utopian desire to want to reduce the risk of early death to zero, all other considerations be damned.

Given all these conditions, you wind up with an emotional spiral that develops its own momentum.

The Ebola crisis has aroused its own flavor of fear. It's not the heart-pounding fear you might feel if you were running away from a bear or some distinct threat. It's a sour, existential fear. It's a fear you feel when the whole environment seems hostile, when the things that are supposed to keep you safe, like national borders and national authorities, seem porous and ineffective, when some menace is hard to understand.

In these circumstances, skepticism about authority turns into corrosive cynicism. People seek to build walls, to pull in the circle of trust. They become afraid. Fear, of course, breeds fear. Fear is a fog that alters perception and clouds thought. Fear is, in the novelist Yann Martel's words, "a wordless darkness."

Ebola is a treacherous adversary. It's found a weakness in our bodies. Worse, it exploits the weakness in the fabric our culture. □



An Affair to Remember, Differently



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We live in a world awash in unreliable narrators.

Officials at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital were unreliable narrators on Ebola. The Internet is bristling with unreliable narrators who prefer their takes to the truth. The unsavory husband and wife in the thriller "Gone Girl" are such chillingly unreliable narrators that they easily beat out the undead unreliable narrator, Dracula, at the box office. And let's not even start on Fox News. So now comes the riveting "Rashomon" in Montauk, Showtime's "The Affair," with Ruth Wilson and Dominic West offering alternating he recalls-she recalls versions of the same story in each show, as they get swept up in sexual infidelity and a serious crime during a shimmering summer.

I went to Brooklyn to talk to West - the British actor who played the raffish Baltimore detective Jimmy McNulty in "The Wire" on HBO - and the show's co-creator, Sarah Treem, as they shot scenes at a school there.

West's character, Noah, is a novelist and teacher who lives in a Brooklyn brownstone with his wife, played by Maura Tierney, and four kids. He's happily married but feeling insecure about the lackluster performance of his first novel. It gets worse when his wife giggles at his facial expression during lovemaking, and he's taunted by his arrogant father-in-law, a famous fiction writer who owns the oceanfront mansion in the Hamptons where the family is spending the summer.

When West meets Wilson's comely Alison, a diner waitress and Montauk native who is also married to someone she loves (Joshua Jackson) and also feeling uncertain and anxious, the chase is on.

But who's chasing whom? In West's memory, Alison is sultry and curvy, wearing sexy outfits and seducing him. In Alison's version, she's wan and withdrawn, still mourning the drowning death of her small son and dubious about Noah's aggressive blandishments.

Treem, a playwright and "House of Cards" writer, created "The Affair" with Hagai Levi, with whom she also worked on HBO's "In Treatment."

Treem said the new show uses sex to illustrate that the characters are "trying to connect and they fail at it all the time. I think we have a lot of sex in this show, but in terms of the sex where they're actually unified, that happens very rarely."

Treem is a newlywed. In June, she married Jay Carson, a former campaign spokesman for Howard Dean and Hillary Clinton who is a producer on "House of Cards" and the father of Treem's nearly 2-year-old son. Yet the brainy, alluring 34-year-old has an intriguingly jaded philosophy of romance.

"I have this belief that, in all relationships, there's this long erotic moment that happens at the beginning of the relationship," she said. "It's like the pole of a tetherball court, and then everything else is just basically that damn ball going around, winding and unwinding around that one erotic moment, and you're trying to always get back to that incredible moment of connection with somebody, and it's gone forever."

She said they put up a quote by the poet Robert Hass in the writers' room, the final line of a passage where he describes the sensation of making love to a woman: "I felt a violent wonder at her presence like a thirst for salt, for my childhood river with its island willows, silly music from the plea-

sure boat, muddy places where we caught the little orange-silver fish called pumpkinseed. It hardly had to do with her. Longing, we say, because desire is full of endless distances."

I tell her that Carson asked me if he should be worried, given how knowingly his wife writes about infidelity.

She laughed, replying, "I wrote the show when I was still single at 31, so at that point in your life you see a lot of infidelity. You have married men coming on to you. You see your friends already in affairs. From my perspective at that point, infidelity was all over the place. Now, being married, I would like my marriage to work. I love him, and I want to be faithful to him, and I want him to be faithful to me."

But, she adds matter-of-factly, "you probably have a 20 percent chance, maybe a 10 percent chance, of actually getting through an entire marriage with no infidelity."

When I ask her if she thinks that men are more prone to cheat, she instantly replies: "Yes, I do."

West agrees that the show may be "a shag-a-thon," as he merrily put it, but its real subject is meant to be marriage.

"When you have four kids, inevitably your sex life suffers," said West, himself a father of four. "But, for me, in my 20s and 30s, the stakes are much higher if you're unfaithful. I feel, as you get older, the stakes get a lot lower. I don't think infidelity would bother either me or my wife so much as if anything happened to our children, for instance. It ceases to be the primary anxiety."

When I mentioned that it was interesting how, in Noah's remembrance, Alison has fuller breasts, West's eyes widened in surprise.

"Does she?" he said, laughing. "Is that right? Well spotted."

The actor said that, after playing Iago and the English serial killer Fred West, he yearned for a more heroic role.

"I was really keen to play a good guy," he said, with a wry smile. "So this is the good guy I'm playing - a cheating husband." □

THE CORNER ALCHEMIST

Rachel Syme

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As Halloween approaches, images of scheming witches have started popping up around New York City - weird sisters stirring their brews over caldrons, conjuring toil and trouble for those who drink their potions. And yet in Brooklyn, real-life good witches are concocting much friendlier brews for public consumption: a group of devoted young herbal healers who are less concerned with casting spells than with helping people feel better from the inside out. Think of them as alchemical baristas, serving up individualized elixirs to treat all kinds of urban ills.

One hub of this new movement is Botica & Co., a brick-and-mortar apothecary in Greenpoint created by Adriana Ayales. Ayales, 27, is an herbalist who learned the art of herbal distillation and healing from her grandmother, a medicine woman and shaman in her native Costa Rica. She opened Botica & Co. early this month with the hope, she said, that it will become "a healthy version of the bar on 'Cheers.'"

"I want everyone to come in and talk to us, tell us their problems, and we will whip up the perfect cure," she said. "I want to bring back the intimacy and personal attention of a vintage pharmacy, but instead of aspirin, we are prescribing yerba mate or ayahuasca flowers."

Above the bar are dozens of large Mason jars filled with dark, smoky liquids - Ayales calls them "tonics" - potent, concentrated mixtures of herbs, many of which Ayales sources directly from the rain forests of Costa Rica, where she works with "sustainable, certified wild-crafters." They are meant to be consumed at the bar, diluted inside fresh pineapple or Concord grape juices that she keeps on tap or taken as a single shot, like espresso, on the go. She also sells a line of cold-pressed juice and coconut water called Pura Fruta.

Ayales' best-selling formulas are Love Handles, a tonic said to help blast fat with ginger, Himalayan pink salt, green coffee bean and a rain forest tree berry called cha de bugre, and Lucid Dreaming, a pungent cocktail of kava, ashwagandha, rose and passionflower that addresses anxiety.

Also popular? Eros, a quick shot of aphrodisiac stimulant containing night-blooming jasmine, hibiscus and Costa Rican ingredients like catuaba and muira puama.

"I get a lot of men asking for that one," she said. "On opening night, we poured a bunch of it into a vat of red wine. Things got ... crazy."

Should you be looking for an even witchier apothecary experience, head to Bushwick, where the hip occult store Catland is celebrating all things magical, from tarot cards to crystals to local covens (who hold



Adriana Ayales, owner of La Botica, a brick-and-mortar apothecary which offers a variety of tonics and elixirs, at her store in New York.
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to find ways to re-enchant the world," Petersen said. "And what is more enchanting than coming in, telling us what you're going through and working

potions.

"I got into magic when I was 18," he said. "And what I found was, it's all about the power of conviction. If you believe

except in extremely high doses, they don't do much either," said Dr. Pieter Cohen, a professor of medicine at Harvard University who studies herbal supplements. "That said, the placebo effect they have is powerful. If you believe a supplement is healthy, it can actually make you healthier."

Catland's stylish patrons - think less bohemian witches in tasseled shawls and more young professionals in flannel and leather jackets - ask Petersen to help with a variety of ailments, from insomnia to acne to attracting a mate. His most powerful remedy is a ritual bath concoction, which he mixes from his arsenal of herbs and minerals in a hulking mortar and pestle. The potions, which contain ingredients like benzoin, galangal, lavender and mugwort, come with a canvas pouch that one steep in boiling water like tea and then pours into the tub. Petersen also includes a candle, onto which he carves a tiny image of whichever pagan deity he thinks will most help his client. "You can say a prayer to it if you want, or not," he said. "It's more important, when you get into the bath, to send the good energy back to yourself. That's where the healing is."



Joseph Petersen, the 26-year-old co-owner of Catland, a hip occult store, crunches ingredients with a mortar and pestle at the store's private apothecary in New York. A new crop of devoted young herbal healers, who are less concerned with casting spells than helping people feel better from the inside out, are concocting brews to treat all kinds of urban ills.

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gatherings around a fire pit in the backyard). The real attraction, however, is the private apothecary in back, where Joseph Petersen, the 26-year-old co-owner, creates custom oils and incenses to fit the daily needs of his customers.

"Part of our mission here is

together to make something?"

He acknowledges that some people are skeptical of "herbal magick" as a remedy for ills, but he says that you do not have to believe in the occult or speak spells to experience the healing powers of his

something works, and you intend for it to work, then usually that's all you need." If that sounds like a placebo effect, that's because that may be exactly what herbal healing is.

"Most of the big NIH studies on herbs have shown that while they are not harmful,